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United States Department of Justice

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February 24, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL
LEAGUE, INC.; ET AL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT
Bureau File 61-10355.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to the New York Field Office, dated January 15, 1944, with respect to the name of the publisher and the release date of JOSEPH P. KAMP'S proposed book "Un-American Gestapo".

Confidential Informant A, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised by letter that [redacted] with reference to the new book which KAMP is writing, KAMP anticipates that the adverse criticism from WINCHELL will act as a plug for the book, and that every time WINCHELL attacks the forthcoming book, more copies will be sold. (X)

The informant stated, however, that the publication of the book may be delayed because of WINCHELL'S rampage against HOFFMAN. Informant also stated that the book is still being proof-read and has not yet gone to the printer. (X)

Confidential Informant A recently advised this office that one of its informants reported that JOSEPH P. KAMP was in Chicago, Illinois, during the first week of February, trying to solicit funds for the printing expenses of his forthcoming book. (X)

[redacted] Anti-Defamation League advised that, up to this time, they had not been able to learn the name of the publisher for KAMP'S book or the date of its release, but this office is to be advised immediately when such information is known.

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This Case Originated At **NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

File No. **100-632**

Report Made At
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Report made by
WILLIAM J. MCCARTHY WJM:JC

Title
JOSEPH P. KAMP

Character of Case
SEDITION

Synopsis of Facts:

On January 3, 1944, a special Grand Jury in the District of Columbia returned an indictment against 30 individuals charging them with violating Section 11 of Title 18, U.S. Code (Peace Time Sedition Statute). A list of the persons indicted is set forth. This list includes the persons who were indicted on January 4, 1943, by a special Grand Jury in the District of Columbia for having violated Section 11, Title 18, and Section 34, Title 50, U. S. Code and who were reindicted on January 3, 1944. A separate list is also set out containing the names of the persons indicted on January 4, 1943, and not reindicted on January 3, 1944. A third list of persons is also set out containing the names of persons who were considered by the Grand Jury but who were not indicted. The subjects are to be arraigned just prior to the trial and it is hoped that the trial will commence on March 1, 1944.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to the Kansas City Field Division dated July 14, 1943, in the case entitled "UNITED STATES versus **GEORGE E. WINROD** with aliases, et al, SEDITION."

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This report is being written to reflect the recent indictment of 30 persons for having violated Section 11, Title 18, U. S. Code, also known as the Peace Time Sedition Statute. In view of the fact that all of these persons are charged as conspirators only one report is being prepared to reflect

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the indictment. A sufficient number of copies of this report are being prepared in order that the Bureau may be provided with five copies for the file entitled "UNITED STATES vs. GERALD B. WINROD, with aliases, et al; GERALD B. WINROD, Defendant, SEDITION," Bureau file 65-9483. The Bureau is also being furnished with a sufficient number of copies so that one copy may be placed in the subject file of each person listed in this report as having been reindicted, previously indicted or considered by the special Grand Jury and not indicted. Each one of these reports will contain the name of the particular individual in the title. One copy of this report is being placed in each subject file in the Washington Field Office of the persons listed in this report. Two copies of this report are being sent to the office of origin wherein investigation is being conducted concerning each person listed in this report whether indicted or not.

Docket number 73086 of the U. S. District Court, District of Columbia reflects that on January 3, 1944, the following persons were indicted by a special Grand Jury for having violated Section 11, Title 18, U. S. Code:

1. JOSEPH E. McWILLIAMS
2. GEORGE E. DEATHERAGE
3. WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY
4. JAMES TRUE
5. EDWARD JAMES SMYTHE
6. LAWRENCE DENNIS
7. HOWARD VICTOR BROENSTRUPP, alias COUNT VICTOR
CHETTER SPIRIDOVICH
8. ROBERT EDWARDS EDMONDSON
9. E. J. PARZER SAGE
10. WILLIAM ROBERT LYMAN, JR.
11. GARLAND L. ALDERMAN
12. GERALD B. WINROD

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13. ELIZABETH DILLING, was
14. CHARLES B. HUDSON
15. ELMER J. GARNER
16. GEORGE SYLVESTER VIZRECK, alias JAMES BURR HAMILTON
17. PRESCOTT FREESE DENNETT
18. GERHARD WILHELM KUNZE
19. AUGUST KLAPPROTT
20. HERMAN MAX SCHWINN
21. HANS DIEBEL
22. FRANZ K. FERENZ
23. ERNEST FREDERIK ELMHURST
24. ROBERT NOBLE
25. ELLIS O. JONES
26. EUGENE NELSON SANCTUARY
27. DAVID BAXTER, with aliases JOHN PEPPER, JOHN H. RAND
28. LOIS DE LAFAYETTE WASHBURN, alias T.N.T.
29. FRANK W. CLARK, alias G.P.
30. PETER STAHRMANN

The indictment returned by the special Grand Jury on January 3, 1944, sets forth that in 1933 the National Socialist German Workers Party, also known as the Nazi Party, came into power in Germany upon a program announced by its leaders to destroy democracy throughout the world and establish

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fascist forms of government in place of the forms of government then existing in the United States and other countries. As a means of accomplishing their objective the Nazi Party carried on a campaign of propaganda designed and intended to impair and undermine the loyalty and morale of the military and naval forces of the United States and other countries. The persons listed above joined in this movement and program and actively cooperated with each other and with the leaders of the Nazi Party to accomplish the objectives of said Nazi Party in the United States.

The 30 persons above-listed in violation of Section 11, Title 18, U. S. Code, unlawfully, wilfully, feloniously and knowingly conspired with each other and officials of the German Reich to commit acts prohibited by Section 9, Title 18, U. S. Code in that they, with intent to interfere with, impair and influence the loyalty, morale and discipline of the military and naval forces of the United States

1. Advised, counseled and caused insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny and refusal of duty by members of the military and naval forces of the United States; and
2. Distributed and caused to be distributed written and printed matter, advising, counseling, and urging insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny and refusal of duty by members of the military and naval forces of the United States.

The indictment goes on to point out that the defendants, in carrying out the conspiracy printed, published and distributed many magazines, books, leaflets, circulars, etc., and also organized, supported, used and controlled a number of organizations, and further that through the publications and organizations they disseminated oral, written and printed statements charging, among other things, that democracy was decadent and that a National Socialist or Fascist form of government should be established in the United States.

The indictment lists many other charges disseminated by the 30 defendants and which charges are aimed at the leaders of the United States and the democratic system and are designed to undermine the loyalty and morale of the armed forces.

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Two copies of the indictment which were furnished to the Washington Field Division by the Bureau are being made a part of the Washington Field Office file in the case entitled "U.S. VS. GERALD B. WINROD, with aliases, et al. SEDITION."

Persons previously indicted by a special Grand Jury in the District of Columbia on January 4, 1943, but who were not reindicted by the special Grand Jury on January 3, 1944, are as follows:

1. WILLIAM GRIFFIN
2. NEW YORK ENQUIRER, INC.
3. PAQUITA DE SHISHMAREFF, with aliases
4. HUDSON DE PRIEST
5. WILLIAM KULLGREN
6. C. LEON DE ARYAN
7. COURT ASHER
8. OSCAR BRUMBACK
9. RALPH TOWNSEND
10. DONALD McDANIEL
11. OTTO BRENNERMANN, aka OTTO BRENNEMANN
12. JAMES F. GARNER.

Although these persons were not reindicted on January 3, 1944, the original indictment against them is still outstanding.

A number of persons were considered by the Grand Jury which returned the indictment against the 30 persons on January 3, 1944, but these persons were not indicted along with the others, and they are as follows:

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1. HENRY B. ALLEN
2. IDA MAE COOPER
3. JOHN EOGHAN KELLY
4. MERVIN K. HART
5. HUBERT SCHNUEDERRICH
6. FERDINAND HANSEN
7. HOMER MAERTZ
8. LAURA INGALLS
- X 9. JOSEPH P. KAMP
10. RALPH BEAVER STRASSEBURGER

On January 17, 1944, Attorney JOHN REDDAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised that the special Grand Jury which returned the indictment against the 30 persons on January 3, 1944, was still in session, and that additional testimony was being given. However, he did not expect any additional subjects to be added to the 30 already indicted. He advised that as a matter of convenience for the defendants and also as a matter of economy, the defendants were to be arraigned just before the trial. He anticipated that all would plead not guilty. He further stated that unless a number of unforeseen things happen the trial should commence about March 1, 1944.

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*Letter from C. J. BA-1
Detroit, Michigan 2-6-44*

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BA-I.

Detroit, Mich.
Feb. 6th, 1944

Joe Kamp was in town the first of this week to see H. Bennett, but was not admitted to Bennetts office nor would he see him.

Bennett said that he could not afford to interview Kamp, as he would no doubt later quote the fact, as G.L.K. Smith had in the past. He said Smith had visited his place once, without invitation, and later publicized the fact., that he had been in Bennetts home, and had been very cordially received.

Kamp looked through a few more files, but did not accomplish much on this trip as his main mission was not accomplished. He left town for Chicago so I understand on Tuesday afternoon. He had been bluntly told why Bennett would not see him, and said that he didnt blame Bennett for this attitude at all.

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United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California
February 28, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.;
JOSEPH PETER KAMP; CHESTER A. HANSON, JR.;
BYRON SWARTZ; JOHN E. WATERS; FRANK MURPHY.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau File 61-10355 and to a letter to the Bureau dated February 9, 1944, in the case entitled, "THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS."

For the benefit of the New Haven Office, it should be noted that on February 4, 1944, in Los Angeles approximately 75 persons, representing the outstanding actors, producers, directors, executives, and writers in the motion picture industry, met to form the M.P.A. (Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals.) The organization, itself, is a voluntary non-profit organization, and it was formed, "in sharp revolt against a rising tide of Communism, Fascism and kindred beliefs that intend, by subversive means, to undermine and change your way of life." The persons composing this organization are known to the Los Angeles Office as those in the motion picture industry who are trying to combat Communism.

In this connection, GEORGE BRUCE, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer writer, who is Executive Secretary of the M.P.A., advised Special Agent H. BRUCE BAUMEISTER of this office both personally and by letter that on February 17, 1944, SAM WOOD, President of the M.P.A., referred a Mr. FRANK MURPHY to GEORGE BRUCE inasmuch as MURPHY had told WOOD that he had some very important information to give concerning the M.P.A. MURPHY identified himself telephonically to GEORGE BRUCE as being connected with the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, 831 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut. MURPHY told BRUCE of having read in the newspaper that the M.P.A. was contacting the Americanization committees of the Masons, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and B'nai B'rith. BRUCE stated that with no encouragement on his part, MURPHY stated that B'nai B'rith is, "the financial support and brain center of the most subversive and destructive organization working presently in the United States." MURPHY claims that B'nai B'rith maintains a list of American political people, as well as business, educational, and professional people, who are marked for liquidation through character assassination at present and by physical means if the organization ever perfects its plans. MURPHY further claims that B'nai B'rith, in a subversive



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manner, has deliberately set out to wreck American culture, American ideals, American business and American government. Also the B'nai B'rith operates the ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, which has in its treasury a fund of \$10,000,000 to carry out the purposes of B'nai B'rith and the ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE.

MURPHY claims to have in his possession photostats of documents which would definitely prove that a man named "CZECH" is the active and visible head of the ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, this man being an ex-convict. MURPHY told GEORGE BRUCE over the telephone that the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE was founded in 1916 by WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, and has been in active existence since that date, gathering information on subversive activities. MURPHY alleges no personal axe to grind, and wants nothing from the M.P.A. He considered it his duty to put the facts in his possession before the M.P.A. in order to save that organization from possible destruction, growing out of any contact the M.P.A. might make with B'nai B'rith. MURPHY told GEORGE BRUCE that if the M.P.A. makes any such contact with B'nai B'rith, they would be received with open arms, supplied with any amount of money that they would ask for in furtherance of their program, but the purpose behind the gift would be to destroy the M.P.A. as B'nai B'rith has destroyed similar organizations in the past. GEORGE BRUCE advises that he has furnished no information to MURPHY concerning the M.P.A., and in fact has had no opportunity to furnish any information as yet as MURPHY has been content to do all of the talking.

BRUCE agreed to a personal appointment with MURPHY to meet BRUCE in the latter's office, but when MURPHY arrived, BRUCE had his secretary inform FRANK MURPHY that he was not available. MURPHY left his name, address, and impressed on BRUCE's secretary that he had a communication to give BRUCE's organization, the M.P.A., which message is of great importance. MURPHY had explained to GEORGE BRUCE that he is receiving mail at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, but is actually staying with friends in the city. He did not disclose the name, address, or telephone number of these friends on the ground that it would be "unethical" to involve his friends in his personal affairs. MURPHY supposedly told BRUCE he would be available in Los Angeles until Wednesday, February 23, 1944. GEORGE BRUCE also recalled that MURPHY further claims to have definitely proven that the book "UNDER COVER" (by CARLSON) was prepared and promoted by B'nai B'rith for the sole purpose of smearing certain Americans whom B'nai B'rith wishes to destroy. MURPHY states that WALTER WINCHELL's crusading for this book was undertaken at the direction of B'nai B'rith.

GEORGE BRUCE likened FRANK MURPHY's conversation to ELIZABETH

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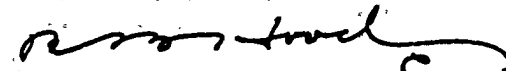
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DILLING's book, "Red Network" and stated that MURPHY's points sound like a rehash of the book.

GEORGE BRUCE has promised to keep this office advised as to any further information that he learns from FRANK MURPHY.

Very truly yours,



R. B. HOOD
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cc: New Haven
LA File 62-2484.

Los Angeles 13, California
March 22, 1944

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RE: THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR
THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ON 3-2-98

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter directed to the Bureau in instant case dated February 9, 1944, as well as to the letter sent to the Bureau on February 28, 1944, in the case entitled "CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH PETER KAMP; CHESTER A. HANSON; W. BYRON SWARTZ; JOHN E. WATERS; FRANK MURPHY - INTERNAL SECURITY, C, REGISTRATION ACT", Bureau file number 61-10355.

Both of these letters pertain to the activities of the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, or as it is most popularly known, the MPA.

The MPA originally was organized to combat "a rising tide of communism, fascism, and kindred beliefs that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life." Specifically, however, the organization was concerned with combatting communism. Recent developments indicate that the Communist Party intends fighting this organization by labelling it anti-Semitic. A secondary attack appears to be the charge that the MPA is a political combination against ROOSEVELT and his administration.

The attacks against the MPA have been successful to the point that the top figures in the motion picture industry such as LOUIS B. MAYER of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio and JACK WARNER of Warner Brothers Studio are both interested and worried about the MPA. The pattern of the attack is being noted in chronological order insofar as the period of time is concerned.

On February 6, 1944, [redacted] reported a conference between PAUL TRIVERS, Education Director, Branch E, North West Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, with JACK (JOHN HOWARD) LAWSON, member of Branch A (writer's branch) of the North West Section as well as being the reported leader of Communist Party activities in the Hollywood motion picture industry. Informant states that they were speaking of the MPA and TRIVERS mentioned that Jewish bankers in Germany who had backed this type of thing were the first to go (probably referring to their liquidation). TRIVERS mentioned that VICTOR FLEMING, member of the Executive Committee of the MPA, is a notorious anti-Semitic, as is KING VIDOR, also a member of the Executive Committee of the MPA.

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LAWSON mentioned at this conference that the MPA's formation is a direct attack on the movie industry and TRIVETS agreed that the anti-Semitic idea was definitely involved. This same informant reported on February 27, 1944, a conference between GEORGE PEPPER, Executive Secretary of the Hollywood Democratic Committee, who is also a member of Branch O of the North West Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, with JOHN HOWARD LAWSON. PEPPER mentioned that the MPA was a political deal against President ROOSEVELT, that it is a blackmail scheme which is working. Informant stated they agreed to meet on the following Thursday at Sardi's Restaurant to make plans against this organization. (X)

On the alleged meeting date, March 2, 1944, Special Agents of this office covered the meeting at Sardi's and recognized the following persons: (X)

JOHN HOWARD LAWSON
ELIZABETH LEACH, organizer of the North West
Section
BILL POMERANCE, member of Branch E, North West
Section
GEORGE PEPPER
Another unidentified man

[redacted] reported a conference between BOB ROSSEN, former president of the Screen Writers' Guild, who is a member of the Writers' Branch of the North West Section, with JACK LAWSON relative to the MPA. LAWSON mentioned that a statement should be issued by the Hollywood Democratic Committee relative to the political issues involved so as to force to the surface the subversive forces trying to disrupt the election of President ROOSEVELT. (u) (X)

Informant had on March 3, 1944, reported learning from BILL POMERANCE that YIP HARBURG was calling WALTER WANGER and DAVID SELZNICK, as well as other persons, to sound them out relative to the MPA. HARBURG is on the Executive Board of the Hollywood Democratic Committee. He was also a patron at the rally of the National Council of the American Soviet Friendship, Inc., held at the Shrine Auditorium on November 16, 1943. (X)

[redacted] JACK LAWSON on March 3, 1944, told BILL POMERANCE that the Screen Writers' Guild should start the ball rolling in forming an attack on the MPA. LAWSON suggested that the attack be (X)

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made against persons who are leading the MPA and gave as an example RUPERT HUGHES, who had made treasonable utterances in saying that the four freedoms are the greatest danger to the American people. LANSON suggested that the attack be worded in such a way as to indicate that the persons leading the MPA are against the war effort. LANSON also mentioned that the Hollywood Democratic Committee is issuing a statement about the elections (national) and the dirty work that is being done but stated that the attack would not be placed on the members of the MPA directly. X

On March 8, 1944, [] reported another conference between HARBURG and JOHN H. LANSON. HARBURG mentioned that the MPA was worried about DAVID SELZNICK's attitude. He also mentioned that the Semitic question was involved and according to informant stated, "I have got a bunch of cowering, cringing big producers in this business who are worried that the opposition is going to say, 'You see, the Jews don't let the Christians organize.' Now that's what they were worried about." X

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HARBURG mentioned also that he had dinner with four big persons at Twentieth Century Fox on the evening before, including MOSKOWITZ, SCHREIBER and PERLBERG. According to HARBURG, these persons were particularly mad about MPA and said that something should be done. They also said they were not sitting back. X

GEORGE BRUCE, writer at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio, who is Executive Secretary of the MPA, in a letter dated March 7, 1944, to this office reported that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the MPA was held on February 25, 1944, at which DAVID O. SELZNICK was permitted to be present at the invitation of SAM WOOD, president of the MPA. BRUCE writes that SELZNICK spent the evening making unsubstantiated charges against JAMES K. McQUINNNESS, Chairman of the Executive Committee, charging him with being the biggest anti-Semitic person in Hollywood. He also charged that McQUINNNESS, as president of the Lakeside Golf Club (which is closed to Jewish membership), harbors a nebulous anti-Semitic organization known as "The Hundred Haters" within the confines of the Lakeside Golf Club and intimated that this club used the lockers, rooms, and facilities of Lakeside to foster anti-Semitism.

SELZNICK mentioned also that HOWARD HACKET ROGERS (active member of the Executive Committee of the Alliance) is another notorious anti-Semitic. SELZNICK stated that he thought the MPA would cause a schism in Hollywood and suggested that an "inner Fascist" governs the organization.

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BRUCE reports that VICTOR FLEMING is being attacked as an anti-Semitic and that NORMAN TAUROG, third Vice President of the MPA, MORRIS RYSKIND and HARRY RUSKIN, both of whom are on the Executive Committee, are all being attacked as "renegade fascist Jews" by their Jewish brethren. BRUCE claims that the attack against him is that he has parties at his home at which toasts are drunk to the inevitable German victory. He further reports that the MPA is being attacked as a fascist group, as an anti-labor group, and as an anti-boss group, depending upon the nature of the individuals referred to insofar as their political or economic setup would suggest.

In reference to the above-noted plan wherein JOHN HOWARD LAWSON stated that the Hollywood Democratic Committee was issuing a statement about the elections and the dirty work that is being done, there is being submitted to the Bureau with this letter a copy of an advertisement which appeared in the March 13, 1944, issue of the Hollywood Reporter. This same advertisement appeared in the Daily Variety on the same date. The ad was placed by the Hollywood Writers' Mobilization and refers to that organization's answer to a letter read on March 7, 1944, into the Congressional Record by Senator ROBERT R. REYNOLDS of North Carolina. As noted the letter is signed by "A Group of your Friends in Hollywood."

GEORGE BRUCE reports that this letter was a patent and prepared smear on the Motion Picture Alliance. BRUCE claims to have established that in spite of the fact that Senator REYNOLDS did not put this anonymous letter into the Congressional Record until Tuesday, March 7, 1944, copies of this letter were already being circulated in Hollywood as early as Thursday, March 9, 1944. It was GEORGE BRUCE's understanding that in the normal course of events approximately eighteen hours elapses after a legislative day before the Congressional Record appears on senatorial desks. From this, BRUCE believes that advance knowledge of this letter must have been in possession of groups opposed to the MPA. He states that as the letter was not read in the Senate but was offered as an "Extension of Remarks" by Senator REYNOLDS it would have been impossible to have learned of the existence of the letter on the floor of the Senate and that such knowledge could only have been gained by perusing the Congressional Record.

BRUCE reports that a copy of this letter was shown to a member of MPA as early as Friday, March 10, 1944, by MAURICE REVNES of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio. BRUCE claims that REVNES, upon questioning, stated that he

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had been supplied with this letter by ULRIC BELL, the paid secretary of the Free World Association. GEORGE BRUCE concludes from this that the Free World Association, because of the rapidity with which it secured this anonymous letter to Senator REYNOLDS as well as its distribution in Hollywood four days previous to its publication as a paid advertisement in the Hollywood trade papers, must have had full knowledge of this letter and consequently must have had reason for aiding and abetting in an undercover manner the smear against the MPA which was launched four days later by the Hollywood Writers' Mobilization. Not only the Hollywood Writers' Mobilization but all the guilds who co-signed the paid advertisement have been reported at different times to this office as being communist controlled organizations.

Of additional interest is the article appearing in the February 14, 1944, issue of the Time Magazine wherein the pictures of ROSALIND RUSSELL, adress, and DUDLEY NICHOLS, writer, who are referred to in the article as being leftists, appear with the pictures of WALT DISNEY and SAM WOOD who are dubbed by the article as rightists. This article, a copy of which is being retained in instant file, mentions that the leftists started a battle (against MPA) by announcing a Free World Association dinner starring Vice President HENRY WALLACE. The article said that the rightist (MPA) quickly formed a club of their own. The article goes on to mention that HENRY WALLACE, who was late for dinner, was taken by mistake by his motorcycle escort to the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, where the MPA was meeting, and on learning of the mistake hurried him over to the Beverly Hills Hotel where the Free World Association dinner was awaiting WALLACE's presence.

It mentioned that Academy President WALTER WANGER (Conference of Motion Picture Arts and Crafts), who is the producer husband of JOAN BENNETT, got the biggest hand from his audience when he put aside his scheduled talk and attacked the MPA. In this connection JAMES K. McGUINNESS advised Special Agent H. BRUCE BAUMEISTER that the article was wrong in at least three particulars. First the MPA was not organized hurriedly as the article indicates as an answer to the Free World Association but in reality was in an embryonic state for a period of several weeks. This fact is accurate inasmuch as this office had been advised of the pre-formation activities of the MPA by those responsible for its organization. McGUINNESS also states that the meeting

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of the MPA was on the night previous to HENRY WALLACE's dinner invitation to the Free World Association and consequently the story that WALLACE rushed first to the MPA meeting and then to the Free World Association meeting was entirely erroneous. The third error in the article was that the MPA had its own banquet, when in reality they only had a meeting. McQUINNNESS states that he brought this to the attention of Time Magazine representatives in Los Angeles who stated that the errors were due to the fact that the article had been written in New York City.

On February 23, 1944, an article appeared in the Los Angeles Examiner stating that LEO HEPP, American Legion Americanism Chairman, welcomed the MPA as an ally in the fight against un-American activities as did Senator JACK B. TENNEY, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee Investigating un-American Activities in California. This welcome was given by HEPP at a meeting of the executive group of the MPA and the Americanism group of the American Legion at Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles on February 22, 1944.

On February 26, 1944, in a letter to J. K. McQUINNNESS, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the MPA, a large group of labor representatives endorsed the MPA and its plan in the following words:

"We the undersigned, representatives of union labor in the motion picture industry, after careful study and investigation of the principles of your organization, are convinced that you stand for true American ideals.....

"We the undersigned consider it a privilege and a pleasure to endorse and support your organization."

Following this the names of the officials, either secretary-treasurer or business representative, of several unions publicly endorse the MPA:

Local 399, Studio Drivers;
I.A.T.S.E. Local 44, Propertyman;
Local 755, Studio Plasterers;
I.A.T.S.E. Local 728, Lamp Operators;
Local 724, Studio Utility workers;
Operating Plasterers and Cement Finishers;
International Representative of Teamsters; etc.

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The endorsement of these labor organizations was given considerable publicity both in the Hollywood trade papers and in the local papers. On March 8, 1944, an article appearing in the form of an editorial was published in the Daily Variety entitled "Name Your Man." A copy of this article is being retained and while no names are mentioned the article does refer to an alliance versus an association. The article itself states that the political alliances and associations in Hollywood are becoming more than a nuisance and are approaching a point where they directly interfere with production, and the article continues in this vein.

The article is signed by "SID". On March 15, 1944, another article appeared in the Variety entitled "Time to Name Names." This article was signed by "SID", who is understood to be SID SILVERMAN, President of the Variety. The article deals with an attack against the MPA and is an answer to the letter sent to Senator REXFORDS which was published in the Congressional Record. A copy of this article, which speaks for itself, is being submitted to the Bureau.

At the present time there are approximately 225 members belonging to the MPA of which possibly 200 are employed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio. A membership list of those belonging to the MPA, as well as their respective jobs in the movie industry, has been furnished this office by GEORGE BRUCE. Not only is the organization top heavy with members from the MGM Studio but the three moving figures behind the scenes of the MPA are also employed at MGM. JAMES K. McGUINESS, Executive Producer at MGM Studio, is the wheel horse. Mr. McGUINESS is known throughout the industry to have been an extremely heavy drinker in the past but seemingly has settled down reportedly because of his present wife's influence. McGUINESS himself seems to be logical and discreet.

HOWARD ELMETT ROGERS, writer, has furnished information to this office relative to the Communist Party activities for several years. He is imaginative and though he makes a considerable amount of money is reported to have extremely bad credit and is usually in debt.

GEORGE BRUCE, a writer at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio, accurately understands the Communist Party line and its methods of operation. He also has been able to discern most of the communists in the motion picture industry and is well versed regarding what organizations are dominated by

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the Communist Party. However, GEORGE BRUCE is not believed to be entirely reliable. For example, BRUCE has purchased several phony titles and has traced his family history under the name of BRUCE although his real name is EYERLY.

Inasmuch as the responsible parties of the MPA are not what one would normally term "solid citizens" insofar as utmost discretion, reliability, and the maintenance of a confidence are concerned, these persons have been interviewed by this office with utmost discretion. It is felt that most of the officials, as well as the members of the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, are responsible persons; however, it is not known to what extent these other persons are active in the organization. The above-mentioned officers of the MPA have been quite anxious to acquaint the FBI with all of its own activities since that organization has been subjected to attack by Communist Party forces. There is every possibility that persons anti-Semitic will attempt to rally around the MPA, making that organization definitely an anti-Semitic group.

This same fear apparently is had by LOUIS B. MAYER, who reportedly has called into his office MR. McQUINNNESS and others to clarify rumors MAYER has heard that they are anti-Semitic. No reports have reached this office in the past that those charged are in any way anti-Semitic.

The possibility has been kept in mind that the MPA at some future date might probably declare that they are furnishing information of subversive activities to the FBI to create the impression that they are working hand in hand with the FBI as the silent partner in combatting communism in Hollywood movie industry. Because of this possibility, no contact is being had or has been had with the officials of the MPA save at their request and it has been reiterated to each of the persons contacted, namely the above three moving forces, that this office is only interested in Communist Party activity, information about which they might be able to furnish this office.

At the present time [redacted]

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[redacted] These written reports have not been solicited from [redacted] specifically but it was explained to him that in the event he or the organization discovered activity of a subversive nature this office would appreciate receiving reports of such activity.

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RE: THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR
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This office will continue to apprise the Bureau of the general activities of the MPA.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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March 25, 1944

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Director, FBI

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION LEAGUE, INC., ET AL
INTERNAL SECURITY - G; REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

By letter dated March 21, 1944, Confidential Informant A, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised this office as follows:

"Information has been submitted voluntarily by an informant known to this office whose information is usually reliable, to the effect that JOSEPH P. KAMP, in a recent visit with a representative of a large manufacturing company with offices in Philadelphia, made certain statements about his forth-coming book and other matters which may be of interest.

In connection with his book, KAMP stated that he had in his possession photostats of documents from the files of the Anti-Defamation League and the Anti-Nazi League which would prove the connection of these two organizations with the coming prosecution of the thirty seditionists shortly to be tried in Washington. He even went so far as to say that he had documentary proof that the two organizations referred to above had induced the Department of Justice to prosecute these defendants. He stated that he hopes to have his book published before the trial begins in Washington. If his statements are true, it is conceivable that the publication of this material may jeopardize the prosecution of this case.

KAMP also made the statement that his book contains a very interesting chapter on WALTER WINCHELL which he describes as accurate, intensive and factual. In view of the fact that the files of this office indicate that in times past, KAMP has had some sort of relationship with the Anti-Nazi League and the Anti-Defamation League, it is difficult to reconcile his proposed plan to show a connection between these two organizations and the prosecution of the seditionists.

Among other statements KAMP made was one to the effect that DREW PEARSON was working for the Anti-Defamation League and getting information from that organization for use in his column or on the radio. KAMP also stated that the F.B.I. was deliberately planting Agents in

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"industrial plants and gave as an example of this the recent employment by the Ford Company in Detroit of a former F.B.I. Special Agent. (X)

During the course of the conversation, the interest of the Lamonts', Thomas W. and Corliss, of J. P. Morgan & Company, in the Communist Party was discussed. KAMP pointed out that it was pretty generally understood that it would be smart practice on the part of J. P. Morgan & Company to be interested in both sides of the fence and that it was a well-known fact that both SIDNEY HILLMAN and DAVID DUBINSKY are and have been for many years on the Morgan payroll, and that no corporation in which Morgan & Company were financially interested, had very serious labor troubles if HILLMAN or DUBINSKY were interested in the unions operating these plants. (X) e

In conclusion, KAMP claims that his photostats of original letters from the files of the Anti-Nazi League, Anti-Defamation League and B'nai B'rith, and which he proposes to publish in his book, will show definite contact between these organization and the Department of Justice. (X)

It is noted that in paragraph three of the above quoted letter a statement was made that it is difficult to reconcile KAMP's proposed plan to show a connection between the Anti-Nazi League and the Anti-Defamation League and the prosecution of the seditionists because in the past KAMP has had some sort of relationship with those two organizations.

The files of this office failed to reflect that KAMP ever had any connection with those two organizations and on the contrary, they did furnish derogatory information concerning KAMP; he has never been any too friendly with either the Anti-Defamation League or the Anti-Nazi League.

This information is furnished the Bureau in view of the fact that it concerns the Department of Justice and because of the trial of the thirty seditionists.

Very truly yours

E. E. Conroy
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cc.: New Haven

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May 1, 1944

SAC, Los Angeles

Re: Motion Picture Alliance for the
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Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 22, 1944, captioned as above. The Bureau agrees with your conclusion that the M.P.A., which is presently furnishing unsolicited information to your office, may at some future time declare that they are furnishing information concerning subversive activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to create the impression that they are working with the FBI in combating Communism in the Hollywood movie industry.

You are specifically cautioned to be extremely discreet in all your contacts with officials of the M.P.A. They should be advised that the Bureau will accept any information which they may feel it desirable to report; however, you should avoid becoming involved in any sort of controversy and at no time should the Bureau be permitted to be put in the position of taking any sides in this matter. Under no circumstances [redacted]

You should continue to keep the Bureau advised of the general activities of the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals. Any information which may be received from this organization concerning Communist activity should be [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

(RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE
JOSEPH P. KAMP

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Information has been received from BA-1 of Detroit that Joseph P. Kamp appeared in Detroit on December 13, 1943, remaining until December 17, 1943. His purpose, according to BA-1, was to contact various individuals to obtain information for his proposed book "Un-American Gestapo." Kamp was slated to contact Harry Bennett of the Ford Motor Company on December 15, 1943, but the latter was taken ill and the meeting did not take place. However, BA-1 intimated that Kamp's expenses while in Detroit were to be paid by the Ford Motor Company. On December 16, 1943, Kamp was reported to have spent the entire day going over Ford's private files on various persons as well as the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. (u)

BA-1 advised that Kamp claims that Sanford Griffith, former investigator for the Anti-Defamation League and Jake Spolanski are registered British agents. The Bureau's files contain no information to this effect. (u)

It was further reported by BA-1 that Kamp is turning over all of the material gathered for his book to Senator Wheeler who has made plans to start a Congressional investigation simultaneously with its publication. The material was also reported to have been photostated by individuals at the Ford Motor Company. BA-1 stated that Kamp planned to return to Detroit on December 21, 1943, for the purpose of again attempting to contact Harry Bennett. (u)

Concerning the proposed book "Un-American Gestapo" the following information is available:

The book is said to be in answer to Arthur Derounian's "Under Cover" and to be in the process of printing by the Van Dyke Press of New Haven, Connecticut and the Acorn Press of Ridgefield, Connecticut. The book will attempt to show that Dorothy Waring's motive in her "anti-Nazi work" is part of the "Austrian-Monarchist Movement." Kamp is said to accuse Miss Waring of being an Austrian propagandist whose expenses were paid by Otto of Austria.

Among other persons stated to be subject to analysis in the book is Professor James A. Sheldon who, according to Kamp, was one of the members of the American League for Peace and Democracy. Kamp is also reported to charge that in its early days the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League was financed by Nazi funds in that it accepted advertising in the Anti-Nazi Bulletin from a firm allegedly owned by Nazi interests.



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The title "Un-American Gestapo" is said to refer to organizations including the Friends of Democracy, the Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith and others which maintain investigative units. The book is variously reported to be offered for sale at prices from \$2.50 to \$3.50. It will carry the following sub-captions "Containing a Factual Analysis of 'Under Cover'" and "Exposing the Vicious Un-American Gestapo."

It is Kamp's intention, according to information received, that the publication of his book and the Wheeler Sub-Committee Hearings on "Under Cover" will occur at approximately the same time as the trial of the thirty-four seditionists which, it is believed by Kamp, will arouse tremendous interest throughout the country and cause his publication to be advertised on the front pages of the press.

There follows a summary of the information in the Bureau's files relating to the Constitutional Educational League and Joseph P. Kamp:

ORIGIN

The Constitutional Educational League was incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut in 1937. Its officers at that time were Joseph P. Kamp, Chairman, New York City; W. Byron Swartz, Vice President, Orange, Connecticut; Chester A. Hanson, Treasurer and Agent, Milford, Connecticut; and Madelyn A. Cannon, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary, New Haven, Connecticut.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

It appears, however, that subject organization was in existence for a number of years prior to 1937, as an unincorporated body with headquarters in the First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut. As such its indicated purpose under the direction of Chester A. Hanson and Joseph P. Kamp was to develop facts concerning the workings of Communism and other alien movements and to disseminate this information through every known means of public expression including newspapers, magazines, speakers and the radio.

At the time of its incorporation in 1937, the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., indicated that its corporate purposes were:

"To bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our Government and the guarantees and provisions of its instrument, the Constitution of the United States; to inculcate patriotism and love of country; to investigate and expose the subversive elements which are seeking to undermine the faith of the American people in their institutions and to foster this general program through the medium of the spoken word."

In one of its circulars the League indicated that among its objectives were legislation to remove all Communists from public payrolls and a continuance of the Dies Committee with adequate funds for exposing all forms of subversive activity.

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"In 1933 - 1934, Mr. Kamp was Executive Vice President of the Robert J. Wagner Democratic Association in the democratic stronghold of the Nation, Senator Robert J. Wagner's district. In September, 1934, he was named Secretary of the General Committee of the Westchester County New York democratic organization; a designation which, however, he was unable to accept. An editor of newspapers and magazines and for more than twenty years a student of subversive movements, he writes with authority."

Until 1937, Kamp was Executive Editor and Publisher of the now defunct magazine "Awakener" which is described by the publication "The Hour" as having been a Fascist magazine. Associated with Kamp in his publication of the "Awakener" was Harold Lloyd Barney. Barney was connected with the Italian Historical Society of New York and collaborated with Kamp in the publication of the pamphlet entitled "Join The CIO and Help Build A Soviet America."

"The Hour" which is a mimeographed publication reported to be subsidized by the Anti-Defamation League, claims in the issue of August 17, 1940, that Kamp was one of the sponsors of the "pro-American mass meeting" which was addressed by Major John E. Kelley identified as a Fascist of Jersey City, New Jersey, who has spoken before meetings of the German-American Bund and the Christian Front. Kamp is known to have distributed anti-Semitic literature. At one time he concentrated on the distribution of the forged "Benjamin Franklin letter" relating to the Jews. Another anti-Semitic publication which Kamp distributed was "Why Are the Jews Persecuted for Their Religion?" "The Hour" further states that Kamp is known to have cooperated with William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirts. He is reported to be an intimate acquaintance of Elizabeth Dilling, the author of the "Red Network."

Information which is unverified has been received to the effect that Kamp has an autographed photograph of Adolf Hitler in his office at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

John E. Waters who is the Midwest Chairman of the League at Madison, Wisconsin, published a booklet called "Red Justice." The advertisement of this book states that Waters traveled in the Soviet Union from 1929 to 1931. He is reported to be well educated and to be a prolific "ghost writer" who has made numerous speeches against Communism. There is some indication that Waters may entertain mildly pro-German sentiments and he is regarded as being one hundred per cent anti-Communist.

ACTIVITIES

The activities of the League date back approximately ten years prior to its incorporation. Among the publications issued by this League are:

"Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America"
(1937)

"The Hell of Herrin...Rages Again" (1937)

"Headlines and What's Behind Them" (1939)

"The Fifth Column in Washington!" (1940)

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HEADQUARTERS

The League maintains its headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, at which its principal volume of business is conducted. In addition thereto, it maintains an office at 631 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut; and a branch office at Madison, Wisconsin, under the direction of John E. Waters, head of the Midwestern district of the League. A southern branch which is now closed was formerly maintained in Birmingham, Alabama. Efforts to establish offices in other cities of the United States appear to have been unsuccessful.

OFFICERS

The officers of the League at the time of its incorporation have heretofore been set forth. More recent information indicates that the officers of the League are as follows:

Chairman - Brigadier General Luke H. ~~Callan~~, recent candidate for Governor of Rhode Island.

Executive Vice Chairman - Joseph P. Kamp, former Vice President, Kamp Construction Company and Editor and Publisher of "The Awakener" of New York City.

Vice Chairman - W. Byron Swartz, Byron Tire and Rubber Co. New Haven, Connecticut.

Vice Chairman - Judge Leonard ~~McMahon~~, Danbury, Connecticut.

Secretary Southern Department - Mildred M. ~~Hall~~, Birmingham, Alabama.

Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer - Madelyn ~~Cannon~~.

Midwest Secretary - John E. ~~Waters~~, Madison, Wisconsin.

It has been reported that many of the committeemen of the League have been active in veteran circles and have included Major General R. E. Noble, former Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commander Nelson Pickering, a Connecticut manufacturer.

Under the actual leadership of Joseph P. Kamp, the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., has been conducting most of its business at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

From the inside cover of the booklet "The Fifth Column in Washington" published in June, 1940, by the League, the following brief history of Kamp appears:

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"The Fifth Column in the South" (1940)
"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee"
(1941)
"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America"
(1941)
"Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fight-
ing For" (1942)
"Native Nazi Purge Plot" (1942)
"What's Cookin'" (1942)
"Famine in America" (1943)
"Mr. Congressman: This Man Says....You
Are a Traitor" (1943)

Various pamphlets headed:

"Department of Justice Memo Re: --."

All of these pamphlets carry the words
"Strictly Confidential" and "From the
Secret Files of the FBI" on the cover.
They pertain to the following subjects:

"National Negro Congress" (1942)
"American Youth Congress" (1942)
"Washington Cooperative Bookshop"
(1943)
"American Peace Mobilization";
"American Peoples Mobilization"
(1943)
"League of American Writers"
(1943)
"The American League Against War
and Fascism";
"The American League for Peace
and Democracy" (1943)
"The National Federation for
Constitutional Liberties"
(1943)
"National Committee for the Defense
of Political Prisoners";
"National Committee for People's
Rights" (1943)
"Washington Committee for Democratic
Action" (1943)

"Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" and "The Hell of
Herrin....Rages Again" both attack John L. Lewis and the CIO. Lewis is accused of
being "Communistically inclined" and "a traitor to labor."

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"The Fifth Column in Washington" was published in June, 1940, and contains a list of employees of the Government who are alleged to be Communists or Communist sympathizers. Among those listed are Robert Lovett, Secretary of the Virgin Islands; Robert H. Jackson, then Attorney General of the United States; Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior; and Madame Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

"The Fifth Column in the South" points out the alleged dangerous growth of Communism in that part of the country and accuses Mrs. Roosevelt of heading the Communist movement by her financial assistance to the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee. It also attacks the spread of the CIO through the South and states that the Communists and the CIO were working together particularly among the southern negroes.

"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" advocates continuance of this committee. It accuses the Department of Justice of alleged attempts to bring the Dies Committee into ill repute.

"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" is a map which purports to indicate the various Nazi, Fascist, and Communist spots in the United States.

The pamphlet "Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For," seems to be a follow-up to the pamphlet "The Fifth Column in Washington." It reiterates in substance the complaint of the Dies Committee that "Reds" have infiltrated into leading positions in our Government. It concludes with a form letter on the back page urging the President "to purge the Government of these un-American elements." It requests that this letter be sent to the President.

"Native Nazi Purge Plot," is primarily concerned with present political developments and charges that the present administration is attempting to purge both the Senate and the House of Representatives of those who did not support the administration's foreign policy prior to the war. It criticizes the publication entitled "The Hour" an anti-Nazi news sheet published in New York City; The Union for Democratic Action; the Communist Party; The Council for Democracy; Friends of Democracy, and other organizations, inferring both by direct statement and innuendo that these organizations are Communist dominated. The pamphlet also contains various statements lauding the activities of the Dies Committee.

"What's Cookin" purports to tell the "truth" about the rationing of sugar, rubber, and gas and attempts to show a great amount of confusion among various Government agencies as to the necessity of the rationing of the above articles.

"Famine in America" is a diatribe against the administration and especially against Joseph Weiner of the Office of Civilian Supply for his "slashing" of the manufacture of farm machinery by an estimated 70%, as well as his cutting down of farm production in this country. The article quotes numerous Congressmen and concludes that there is a strong possibility of a famine in this country unless something is done to relieve the restrictions now placed on the farmers. The solution, as advocated

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by the League, is to "purge Government Departments....of all Communist and Socialist 'class warriors,' incompetents, visionaries....and misfits," and to "place the Nation's affairs....in the hands of capable, experienced, honest experts whose loyalty to American principles of Government has never been questioned."

The pamphlet "Mr. Congressman: This Man Says....You are a Traitor" has on the cover a photograph of Walter Winchell in the uniform of a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. Winchell is upbraided for inferring that certain Congressmen are traitors to the country and a clipping from the Herald-Tribune date February 9, 1943, and headed "Winchell's 'trap' story is refuted by the FBI", is reproduced on the back cover.

The ~~X~~ "National Negro Congress" pamphlet contains an outline of the background and activities of Congress including its purported connection with the Communist Party.

The pamphlet on ~~X~~ "American Youth Congress" is similar to that mentioned above and also attempts to show the relationship between the Communist Party and the "American Youth Congress."

The ~~X~~ "Washington Cooperative Bookshop" pamphlet outlines the alleged activities of the Bookshop and its Communist connections.

The pamphlet on the ~~X~~ "American Peace Mobilization," later called the "American Peoples Mobilization" alleges that the organization is controlled by the Communist Party. The main reason for this allegation is given as the change in policy of the organization immediately after the attack by Germany on Russia from one of non-intervention to one of all-out aid to Russia.

The pamphlet pertaining to the ~~X~~ "League of American Writers" cites the activities of the League in changing from condemnation of possible United States participation in the war as of June, 1941 to advocacy of all-out aid to the Soviet Union in July, 1941. This attitude is given as evidence of Communist Party affiliation.

The pamphlet concerning the ~~X~~ "American League Against War and Fascism," later called the ~~X~~ "American League for Peace and Democracy" gives the background and activities of this organization and purports to show that it is Communist controlled.

The ~~X~~ "National Federation for Constitutional Liberties" pamphlet outlines the activities of the Federation and alleges that the organization was formed as a "Trojan Horse" for the Communist Party.

The pamphlet on the ~~X~~ "National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners," later called ~~X~~ "National Committee for the Peoples Rights," outlines the activities of the Committee and characterizes it as "transmission belt" for the Communist Party.

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The ~~X~~ "Washington Committee for Democratic Action" pamphlet purports to outline the aims and purposes of the Committee as well as its alleged tie-in with the Communist Party.

The letterhead of the League reflects it was founded in 1919 as a non-political and a non-profit organization. In the immediate years prior to its incorporation in 1937 and for a time thereafter it had a group of sponsors. Concerning these original sponsors the Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Connecticut, reports they appear above question. It is rumored that many of them resigned because the group had strayed from its original purpose.

Numerous reports have been received that the organization is pro-Axis. To date no information has been developed indicating the League is a subversive organization. On one occasion Gerald B. Winrod, Wichita, Kansas, wrote a form letter endorsing the League's publication "The Fifth Column in Washington."

Detailed information concerning the financial condition of the League, covering the period of January 1, to December 31, 1939, showed total receipts of \$44,787.25, and disbursements of \$33,493.47 for the period reported.

The agency to which the financial statement was submitted attempted on a subsequent occasion to bring the financial condition of the League up to date and accordingly submitted a regular questionnaire requesting the pertinent material. The League on this occasion did not supply a financial statement but advised in effect that during the twelve-month period of 1940 over five million pieces of literature were distributed including booklets, pamphlets and "throw-aways." Speakers representing the League appeared before hundreds of gatherings, ranging in size from twenty-five to five thousand persons. The League cited as an example its activities in the State of Wisconsin, where one of its representatives spoke to assemblies of nearly one half the schools and colleges, sometimes making five appearances in one day. As a result mass meetings occurred which were sponsored jointly by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Chambers of Commerce, Service Clubs, churches and fraternal organizations. The League estimated that in this one single venture it reached between one and two hundred thousand persons.

The activities of the League and Joseph P. Kamp are being followed at the request of the Criminal Division of the Department. Kamp is also being considered for violation of the Selective Training and Service Act in that he failed to return a questionnaire forwarded to him in August, 1942.

Respectfully,


D. M. Ladd

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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April 5, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Paul Palmer, an associate editor of Reader's Digest, called on April 3, stating that Reader's Digest had a manuscript from Joseph P. Kamp. He said he had some idea there was something wrong with Kamp and he was wondering if we could give him any guidance.

I told him confidentially that while, of course, we could not make a recommendation one way or the other, it was something he would have to make a decision on, nevertheless Kamp's organization had been named in one of the sedition indictments as a pillar of Nazi propaganda and in fact, the Grand Jury had considered Kamp although he had not been indicted.

Respectfully,



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United States Department of Justice
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April 11, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE,
INCORPORATED, ET AL
REGISTRATION ACT

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Your attention is called to the attached letter dated March 25, 1944, from the New York Field Office which sets forth information received from Confidential Informant A, with regard to certain statements purported to have been made by Joseph Kamp. In this connection, it is noted that Kamp states that he has in his possession photostats of documents from the files of the Anti-Defamation League and the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, which would prove the connections of these two organizations with the coming prosecution of the thirty seditionists presently being tried. He also stated, according to information received, that he has documentary proof that the two organizations mentioned "induced" the Department of Justice to prosecute the defendants.

With reference to the above statement, you will recall that the Bureau was successful in obtaining a manuscript of Kamp's proposed book, "Un-American Gestapo" through Inspector Lee Pennington. This manuscript has been reviewed and a summary is presently in the process of being prepared. Also obtained were a number of documents, which, it is assumed, will be used in connection with the book. An examination of this material fails to reflect documents indicating that either the Anti-Defamation League or the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has "induced" the Department of Justice to proceed against the thirty seditionists. However, there are certain documents which reflect that the Anti-Defamation League has assisted the Department by turning over to it information concerning various defendants, including Prescott Bennett. This is evidenced by four letters dated in July, August, and September, of 1941, from "M. G." (probably Morris Goldberg) to John Henshaw, Washington, D. C., who is known to be a private investigator. These letters discuss various phases of the then pending indictment, as well as what assistance can be rendered the Justice Department in its efforts. No other pertinent information is contained either in Kamp's book or the documents which have been reviewed.

It might also be stated that Mr. O. John Rogge, who is handling the prosecution of the Sedition indictment for the Criminal Division, has indicated that he received some information from the Anti-Defamation League and the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. He has also mentioned receiving communications urging the prosecution of the defendants involved, but has never given the impression that the prosecution was "induced" by representatives of either or both of these organizations.



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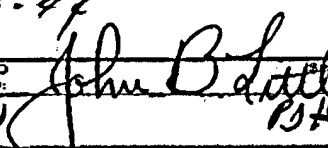
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TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH PETER KAMP, alias Joseph William Kamp; CHESTER A. HANSON; W. BYRON SWARTZ; JOHN E. WATERS; REGISTRATION ACT FRANK MURPHY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Better Business Bureau at Rochester, New York, maintains file on subject organization. Subject FRANK MURPHY experienced difficulty with subscribers in Rochester as a result of Better Business Bureau's information; subject reluctant to appear before Better Business Bureau Manager, MR. FRED WILSON. Better Business Bureau unable to obtain satisfactory financial statement from subject organization and, therefore, would not recommend subject FRANK MURPHY to subscribers. MURPHY said to have violated confidence in displaying contribution check of \$200.00 made by Wollensack Optical Company as a part of his talk in soliciting funds. Payment stopped on check as result of Better Business Bureau's attitude and the violation of confidence of contributor. T. CARL NIXON took exception to Better Business Bureau's attitude; had correspondence with subject JOSEPH P. KAMP; correspondence set out. Contributor NIXON believed subject FRANK MURPHY to be sincere at time of early contact but has since realized his method of operation. NIXON has not seen MURPHY in over a year and does not intend to entertain further solicitation by subject organization.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-RUC- DEFERRED</p>			
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DETAILS:

AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

On March 10, 1944 MR. FRED A. WILSON of the Rochester Better Business Bureau was contacted at his office in the Lincoln Alliance Bank Building. MR. WILSON has maintained a file on the subject organization since 1936 but has very little information on subject FRANK MURPHY. MR. WILSON advised that he had difficulty with MURPHY when MURPHY failed to appear before him to answer questions about the subject organization.

In the meantime subject MURPHY had received various amounts in contributions from business men in Rochester. These men subsequently called the Better Business Bureau for information on MURPHY and MR. WILSON did not recommend the subject organization because he had been unable to obtain what he considered a proper financial statement from the organization.

According to MR. WILSON, subject MURPHY had contacted MR. HAWKES of the Rochester Trust Company, who was also President of the Wollensack Optical Company, and had received a check for \$200.00. Subsequently subject MURPHY violated confidence, exhibiting this check while soliciting other contributions. Upon the suggestion of the Better Business Bureau, MR. HAWKES stopped payment on this check. This action caused MURPHY to appeal to another contributor, T. CARL NIXON, an attorney with Goodman, Nixon, Hargrave, Middleton and DeVors, 31 Exchange Street, Rochester, New York. NIXON at that time was not in sympathy with the attitude taken by the Better Business Bureau.

The information contained in the Better Business Bureau's file on the subject organization is not being set out inasmuch as this information in substance is already carried in the Bureau file. Several clippings, a description of the national organization of subject organization and several Better Business Bureau national office reports constitute this file.

T. CARL NIXON was interviewed and at that time he advised he had written to subject KAMP in an attempt to justify the stand taken by the Rochester Better Business Bureau. MR. NIXON said that when subject FRANK MURPHY first appealed to

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him for contributions to the subject organization, he, MR. NIXON, was somewhat in sympathy with subject FRANK MURPHY's stand on labor matters. MR. NIXON said he was at that time having a great deal of difficulty with labor unions in Rochester from a legal point of view.

MR. NIXON added that MURPHY had approached him for a contribution, offered him several booklets, such as, the Constitutional Educational League's publications "Stop Defense Strikes", "Fifth Column Menaces America on a Thousand Fronts", "How to Win the War", "Why Win the War and Lose What We are Fighting For", "Communism's Iron Grip on the CIO", "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America". MR. NIXON said that subject MURPHY's attitude was mild and he, MURPHY, appeared to be serious in his philosophy.

Subject MURPHY told MR. NIXON that he had formerly been employed as a shoe salesman but that he had become interested in the fight against Communism and had joined the staff of the subject organization. MR. NIXON said he was glad to help MURPHY at the time of original contact but in view of subsequent developments and because of the publications that MURPHY left at MR. NIXON's office, he had decided to entertain no further solicitation by the subject organization. MR. NIXON claims not to have seen subject MURPHY for over a year and has not heard from him.

MR. NIXON offered a copy of a letter he received from subject JOSEPH KAMP in reply to his defense of the Better Business Bureau in Rochester. This letter is being set out below:

"October 11, 1940

"Mr. T. Carl Nixon
31 Exchange Street,
Rochester, N.Y.

"Dear Mr. Nixon:

"Thank you so much for your kind letter of October 8, which was called to my attention today after I had been in seclusion for the past several days writing a new booklet entitled 'The FIFTH COLUMN in the South'.

"I appreciate your attitude in regard to the Better Business Bureau but I am afraid we cannot cooperate with them. Not only

"have they embarrassed Mr. Murphy, but they have caused us to lose considerable support which had been promised. I do not believe you or anyone else can straighten out anything in connection with the local Better Business Bureau. It is very evident from our experience with them, that they will continue to knock us under any circumstances just as they do every other organization which is not local in its complexion, with the exception, perhaps, of a few that are so well-known and established that they do not dare attack them.

"We have never made a practice of supplying information to private organizations which in turn make this information available to anybody and everybody. However, we are constantly making intimate and confidential disclosures to members and contributors, and to others whom we consider to be our friends and in whom we have the utmost confidence.

"The manager of the Rochester Better Business Bureau pretended to be interested in our cause and became very friendly with Mr. Murphy. When a request was made for a financial report, a financial statement was submitted to him, with the full understanding that it was to be held in the strictest confidence. After submitting the financial statement, Mr. Murphy was told that he should tell prospective contributors to call the Better Business Bureau and they would be only too glad to recommend support to the League. Then, when inquiries were made, instead of a boost, we got a knock, and indirect violation of confidence, mimeographed copies of the financial statement were made and distributed.

"Under these circumstances, I think you will agree that we are altogether justified in refusing to give any further information to the Better Business Bureau of Rochester. As to our general policy, I would remind you that anybody, including our opposition, can secure whatever information we would disclose, from any of those organizations which make a practice of supplying information as a business.

"As to the criticism of the large amount of our income which is used for salaries, and traveling expenses of representatives, I cannot agree that 'The Bureau does not fully understand this', because Mr. Murphy went into considerable detail to explain just how we operate. I shall be glad at any time to prove to your entire satisfaction from our records, correspondence and publicity,

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"that for every \$1 spent in salaries and expenses, we get \$1 and \$2 and \$5 and sometimes much more in results.

"As an example, in the past six weeks, we have spent in the neighborhood of \$1,000, mainly for traveling expenses and telephone, in connection with our Southern campaign. Already we have received considerable newspaper publicity in a number of Southern states; our Southern headquarters in Birmingham has been re-opened, and in this city alone, 50,000 copies of the booklet 'The FIFTH COLUMN in Washington' were printed and distributed locally last week. None of the League's funds are being used for the maintenance of the Southern office; the expenses are being taken care of directly by some of our friends. Likewise, the printing and distribution of the booklet was arranged for without any cost to the League. I am sure you will agree that the \$1,000 in question was well spent.

"To bring the situation a little closer home, let me point out that just this week for the second time this year, we had a speaker before the Rochester Kiwanis Club. Our Miss Huffman, a former Dies Committee investigator, spoke there on Wednesday. You probably saw the publicity in Wednesday's and Thursday's newspapers. This afternoon, Miss Huffman speaks at Metuchen, New Jersey. Next week, she talks in Niagara Falls and Buffalo. Because of the resultant publicity, and the hundreds of key people reached at these meetings, we consider her salary and expense outlay an altogether worthwhile expenditure.

"When your local Better Business Bureau manager criticizes the 'informality of the financial statement', and the fact that it was not 'Certified', and raises a question as to why 'some information is cleared through Connecticut, and other information comes from New York', it should be altogether obvious that he is looking for an excuse with which to justify his position.

"For the past month, I have spent considerable time in the South and during my absence, Capt. Hanson, at New Haven, took care of the more important matters which came to the attention of the New York office. How he is at our Midwest headquarters in Madison, and I am attending to some New Haven matters.

"I want you to understand that we will be only too glad to make any and all details available respecting our activities and

"also account for every dollar that the League has ever received, to any member, contributor or friend who is sincerely interested in our work. However, from a common-sense business-like point of view, I am sure you can understand the reasonableness of our position when we hesitate to make such information available in such a way that it might become the property of our opposition.

"If there is any question in the mind of anyone in Rochester as to our responsibility, or if there is the least suspicion that some of the funds which have been contributed to the League are being misappropriated or spent in a wasteful manner, I would suggest that you or some other citizen of standing and responsibility come to New York and New Haven and see at first hand what we are doing and where the money goes. We will gladly make all of our confidential records available for inspection, with only one proviso, and that is that the information secured is to be held in the strictest confidence.

"Inasmuch as you bring up the matter of the salaries of officers and field representatives, I might tell you in advance that our accounts will show that our highest paid employees receive \$5,000 per year. I might say in this regard, that some members of our staff are worth considerably more than this sum.

"My own salary is supposed to be \$5,000 per year. Not only have I never yet received full payment in any given year, but out of these funds, I have had to maintain an executive assistant, buy newspapers, magazines and books, and assume other expenses incident to the conduct of the League's affairs.

"The eight thousand odd dollars listed in the financial statement which you have already seen, is the total amount of money received in 1939 by Capt. Hanson and myself, and I would remind you that we are giving our full time to this work, and when I say full time, I do not mean union hours. In the last week, as an example, I have had two sessions of 48 hours each without leaving the office.

"It is unfortunate that an organization such as ours, which is trying so hard to do a real constructive job, meets with so much petty opposition. We are just trying to be of service and all this bickering over whether or not So and So approves, is just so much nonsense. If certain responsible people of Rochester are honestly interested in helping to assure the success of the endeavor, which,

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"after all, is a fight being conducted in their own behalf, and their only reason for withholding support is a suspicion that the funds might not be properly spent, let me suggest instead of contributing to the League, that they spend their own money. We will be only too glad to cooperate in furnishing them with whatever help we can in the way of advice and information, and we will even go so far as to permit them to republish any of the League's printed matter, including the FIFTH COLUMN booklets.

"I do not know what your own attitude is, nor what your friends in Rochester think, but I am convinced that we are fighting a final fight in defense of the American system of society and government. The time is getting very short and if we are to win out and preserve our established institutions of free enterprise, private property, and individual liberty, it is essential that we get into this fight in a really big way in the crucial period immediately ahead. Unless a lot of people, who consider themselves loyal Americans, wake up in a hurry and do something substantial without delay, all is lost. The time for action is now -- a week from now will be too late.

"With deep appreciation for the interest you have shown, I am

Faithfully yours

Joseph P. Kamp"

MR. JOHN HAWKES, President of the Rochester Trust and Safe Deposit Company, was interviewed, at which time he said that subject MURPHY approached him with a good story and a plausible explanation of the internal dissension in union activity and the general unrest of the country. He advised he had given MURPHY a check for \$200.00 as a contribution of the Wollensack Optical Company of which he is also President; that subject MURPHY had violated confidence in displaying this check while soliciting other contributions. Upon advice of the Better Business Bureau that it was unable to secure a satisfactory financial report on the subject organization, MR. HAWKES advised that he had cancelled payment on the check. MR. HAWKES has had no further dealings with subject FRANK MURPHY or the subject organization.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: April 25, 1944

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1:15 p.m.

FROM : J. K. Mumford

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE
JOSEPH KAMP
SEDITION

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Supervisor Malley of New York called and advised information had been received from Captain Allen of G-2 that on May 2, 1944, a handbill will be distributed, apparently having to do with the forthcoming publication of the book Joseph Kamp has written. You will recall the Bureau secured and reviewed the advance copies of this book. The informant advised that the handbill will be captioned in large letters "Lotions of Love" but was unable to state the rest of the contents. Mr. Malley advised he will make every effort to secure a copy of the leaflet as soon as it is printed.

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Reference is made to the memorandum of this Bureau dated December 28, 1943, bearing the above caption and setting forth information concerning Joseph P. Kamp's proposed book, "Un-American Gestapo." You will recall that it was reported that this book was then in the process of being printed by the Van Dyke Printing Company of New Haven, Connecticut, and the Acorn Press of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Subsequently, information was received that "Un-American Gestapo" had not actually gone to press since Kamp had encountered difficulties in reaching a final agreement with a publisher due to the fact that the Acorn Press is not equipped to handle large orders, and the Van Dyke Printing Company refused to take Kamp's work, fearing criticism of the public.

In this connection it has been stated that the Van Dyke company has printed a number of pamphlets for the Constitutional Educational League, but received unfavorable publicity for its part in publishing "Famine in America." This pamphlet contained a diatribe against the Administration and especially against Joseph Weiner of the Office of Civilian Supply for his "slashing" of the manufacture of farm machinery by an estimated 70% as well as his cutting down of farm production in this country. The article quoted numerous Congressmen and concluded that there is a strong possibility of a famine in this country unless something is done to relieve the restrictions now placed on the farmers. The solution, as advocated by the Constitutional Educational League, was to "purge government departments.....of all Communists and Socialists within, 'class warriors', incompetent visionaries.....and misfits, and to place the nation's affairs.....in the hands of capable, experienced, honest, experts whose loyalty to American principles of government has never been questioned."

It has now been reported that Kamp has resumed negotiations with Van Dyke for the publication of "Un-American Gestapo" as well as another pamphlet which is intended to be Kamp's answer to Walter Winchell. However, at the present time no definite agreement has been reached, according to informants.

In the event that further information is received concerning this matter, you will be advised.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: JOSEPH P. KAMP

There is attached for your information a summary of the captioned individual's proposed book which is to be entitled "Un-American Gestapo (The Defamation Network)." The manuscript of this proposed book was obtained through Inspector Lee Pennington at New York, and photostatic copies made. It is noted that the copies which were forwarded to the Bureau did not contain the final three chapters of the book which, according to the index, were to have been captioned as follows:

- VIII - "Fascist" and "Fascism"
- IX - Smear and Purge Politics
- X - Intolerance, Incorporated

No attempt has been made in the attached summary to mention every individual covered in the book, but it is believed that the items of primary interest to the Bureau have been discussed and that the more important ideas advanced by Kamp have been set out.

Since [redacted]

Bureau [redacted]

For your further information there is attached a summary of the information contained in the Bureau's files with regard to the Constitutional Educational League and Joseph Peter Kamp, its Vice Chairman.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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Re: ~~X~~ CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE - *Summary*
JOSEPH P. ~~K~~KAMP - *Summary*

ORIGIN

The Constitutional Educational League was incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut in 1937. Its officers at that time were Joseph P. Kamp, Chairman, New York City; W. Byron Swartz, Vice President, Orange, Connecticut; Chester A. Hanson, Treasurer and Agent, Milford, Connecticut; and Madelyn A. Cannon, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary, New Haven, Connecticut.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

It appears, however, that subject organization was in existence for a number of years prior to 1937, as an unincorporated body with headquarters in the First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut. As such its indicated purpose under the direction of Chester A. Hanson and Joseph P. Kamp was to develop facts concerning the workings of Communism and other alien movements and to disseminate this information through every known means of public expression including newspapers, magazines, speakers and the radio.

At the time of its incorporation in 1937, the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., indicated that its corporate purposes were:

"To bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our Government and the guarantees and provisions of its instrument, the Constitution of the United States; to inculcate patriotism and love of country; to investigate and expose the subversive elements which are seeking to undermine the faith of the American people in their institutions and to foster this general program through the medium of the spoken word."

In one of its circulars the League indicated that among its objectives were legislation to remove all Communists from public payrolls and a continuance of the Dies Committee with adequate funds for exposing all forms of subversive activity.

HEADQUARTERS

The League maintains its headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, at which its principal volume of business is conducted. In addition thereto, it maintains an office at 631 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut; and a branch office at Madison, Wisconsin, under the direction of John E. Waters, head of the Midwestern district of the League. A southern branch which is now closed was formerly maintained in Birmingham, Alabama. Efforts to establish offices in other cities of the United States appear to have been unsuccessful.

OFFICERS

The officers of the League at the time of its incorporation have heretofore been set forth. More recent information indicates that the officers of the League are as follows:

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Chairman - Brigadier General Luke H. Callan, recent candidate for Governor of Rhode Island.

Executive Vice Chairman - Joseph P. Kamp, former Vice President, Kamp Construction Company and Editor and Publisher of "The Awakener" of New York City.

Vice Chairman - W. Byron Swartz, Byron Tire and Rubber Co. New Haven, Connecticut.

Vice Chairman - Judge Leonard McMahon, Danbury, Connecticut.

Secretary Southern Department - Mildred M. Hall, Birmingham, Alabama.

Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer - Madelyn Cannon.

Midwest Secretary - John E. Waters, Madison, Wisconsin.

It has been reported that many of the committeemen of the League have been active in veteran circles and have included Major General R. E. Noble, former Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commander Nelson Pickering, a Connecticut manufacturer.

Under the actual leadership of Joseph P. Kamp, the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., has been conducting most of its business at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

From the inside cover of the booklet "The Fifth Column in Washington" published in June, 1940, by the League, the following brief history of Kamp appears:

"In 1933 - 1934, Mr. Kamp was Executive Vice President of the Robert J. Wagner Democratic Association in the democratic stronghold of the Nation, Senator Robert J. Wagner's district. In September, 1934, he was named Secretary of the General Committee of the Westchester County New York democratic organization; a designation which, however, he was unable to accept. An editor of newspapers and magazines and for more than twenty years a student of subversive movements, he writes with authority."

Until 1937, Kamp was Executive Editor and Publisher of the now defunct magazine "Awakener" which is described by the publication "The Hour" as having been a Fascist magazine. Associated with Kamp in his publication of the "Awakener" was Harold Lloyd Barney. Barney was connected with the Italian Historical Society of New York and collaborated with Kamp in the publication of the pamphlet entitled "Join The CIO and Help Build A Soviet America."

"The Hour" which is a mimeographed publication reported to be subsidized by the Anti-Defamation League, claims in the issue of August 17, 1940, that Kamp

was one of the sponsors of the "pro-American mass meeting" which was addressed by Major John E. Kelley identified as a Fascist of Jersey City, New Jersey, who has spoken before meetings of the German-American Bund and the Christian Front. Kamp is known to have distributed anti-Semitic literature. At one time he concentrated on the distribution of the forged "Benjamin Franklin letter" relating to the Jews. Another anti-Semitic publication which Kamp distributed was "Why Are the Jews Persecuted for Their Religion?" "The Hour" further states that Kamp is known to have cooperated with William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirts. He is reported to be an intimate acquaintance of Elizabeth Dilling, the author of the "Red Network."

Information which is unverified has been received to the effect that Kamp has an autographed photograph of Adolf Hitler in his office at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

John E. Waters who is the Midwest Chairman of the League at Madison, Wisconsin, published a booklet called "Red Justice." The advertisement of this book states that Waters traveled in the Soviet Union from 1929 to 1931. He is reported to be well educated and to be a prolific "ghost writer" who has made numerous speeches against Communism. There is some indication that Waters may entertain mildly pro-German sentiments and he is regarded as being one hundred per cent anti-Communist.

ACTIVITIES

The activities of the League date back approximately ten years prior to its incorporation. Among the publications issued by this League are:

"Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America"
(1937)

"The Hell of Herrin...Rages Again" (1937)

"Headlines and What's Behind Them" (1939)

"The Fifth Column in Washington!" (1940)

"The Fifth Column in the South" (1940)

"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee"
(1941)

"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America"
(1941)

"Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For" (1942)

"Native Nazi Purge Plot" (1942)

"That's Cookin" (1942)

"Famine in America" (1943)

"Mr. Congressman: This Man Says....You Are a Traitor" (1943)

Various pamphlets headed;

"Department of Justice Memo Re: --."

All of these pamphlets carry the words
"Strictly Confidential" and "From the
Secret Files of the FBI" on the cover.

They pertain to the following subjects:

"National Negro Congress" (1942)
 "American Youth Congress" (1942)
 "Washington Cooperative Bookshop"
 (1943)
 "American Peace Mobilization";
 "American Peoples Mobilization"
 (1943)
 "League of American Writers"
 (1943)
 "The American League Against War
 and Fascism";
 "The American League for Peace
 and Democracy" (1943)
 "The National Federation for
 Constitutional Liberties"
 (1943)
 "National Committee for the Defense
 of Political Prisoners";
 "National Committee for People's
 Rights" (1943)
 "Washington Committee for Democratic
 Action" (1943)

"Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" and "The Hell of Herrin....
 Rages Again" both attack John L. Lewis and the CIO. Lewis is accused of being
 "Communistically inclined" and "a traitor to labor."

"The Fifth Column in Washington" was published in June, 1940, and
 contains a list of employees of the Government who are alleged to be Communists
 or Communist sympathizers. Among those listed are Robert Lovett, Secretary of
 the Virgin Islands; Robert H. Jackson, then Attorney General of the United States;
 Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior; and Madame Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

"The Fifth Column in the South" points out the alleged dangerous growth
 of Communism in that part of the country and accuses Mrs. Roosevelt of heading the
 Communist movement by her financial assistance to the Highlander Folk School at
 Monteagle, Tennessee. It also attacks the spread of the CIO through the South and
 states that the Communists and the CIO were working together particularly among
 the southern negroes.

"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" advocates continuance of this
 committee. It accuses the Department of Justice of alleged attempts to bring the
 Dies Committee into ill repute.

"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" is a map which purports to
 indicate the various Nazi, Fascist, and Communist spots in the United States.

The pamphlet "Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For," seems
 to be a follow-up to the pamphlet "The Fifth Column in Washington." It reiterates

in substance the complaint of the Dies Committee that "Reds" have infiltrated into leading positions in our Government. It concludes with a form letter on the back page urging the President "to purge the Government of these un-American elements." It requests that this letter be sent to the President.

"Native Nazi Purge Plot," is primarily concerned with present political developments and charges that the present administration is attempting to purge both the Senate and the House of Representatives of those who did not support the administration's foreign policy prior to the war. It criticizes the publication entitled "The Hour" an anti-Nazi news sheet published in New York City; The Union for Democratic Action; the Communist Party; The Council for Democracy; Friends of Democracy, and other organizations, inferring both by direct statement and innuendo that these organizations are Communist dominated. The pamphlet also contains various statements lauding the activities of the Dies Committee.

"What's Cookin" purports to tell the "truth" about the rationing of sugar, rubber, and gas and attempts to show a great amount of confusion among various Government agencies as to the necessity of the rationing of the above articles.

"Famine in America" is a diatribe against the administration and especially against Joseph Weiner of the Office of Civilian Supply for his "slashing" of the manufacture of farm machinery by an estimated 70%, as well as his cutting down of farm production in this country. The article quotes numerous Congressmen and concludes that there is a strong possibility of a famine in this country unless something is done to relieve the restrictions now placed on the farmers. The solution, as advocated by the League, is to "purge Government Departments....of all Communist and Socialist 'class warriors,' incompetents, visionaries....and misfits," and to "place the Nation's affairs....in the hands of capable, experienced, honest experts whose loyalty to American principles of Government has never been questioned."

The pamphlet "Mr. Congressman: This Man Says....You are a Traitor" has on the cover a photograph of Walter Winchell in the uniform of a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. Winchell is upbraided for inferring that certain Congressmen are traitors to the country and a clipping from the Herald-Tribune date February 9, 1943, and headed "Winchell's 'trap' story is refuted by the FBI", is reproduced on the back cover.

The "National Negro Congress" pamphlet contains an outline of the background and activities of Congress including its purported connection with the Communist Party.

The pamphlet on "American Youth Congress" is similar to that mentioned above and also attempts to show the relationship between the Communist Party and the "American Youth Congress."

The "Washington Cooperative Bookshop" pamphlet outlines the alleged activities of the Bookshop and its Communist connections.

The pamphlet on the "American Peace Mobilization," later called the "American Peoples Mobilization" alleges that the organization is controlled by the Communist Party. The main reason for this allegation is given as the change in policy of the organization immediately after the attack by Germany on Russia from one of non-intervention to one of all-out aid to Russia.

The pamphlet pertaining to the "League of American Writers" cites the activities of the League in changing from condemnation of possible United States participation in the war as of June, 1941 to advocacy of all-out aid to the Soviet Union in July, 1941. This attitude is given as evidence of Communist Party affiliation.

The pamphlet concerning the "American League Against War and Fascism," later called the "American League for Peace and Democracy" gives the background and activities of this organization and purports to show that it is Communist controlled.

The "National Federation for Constitutional Liberties" pamphlet outlines the activities of the Federation and alleges that the organization was formed as a "Trojan Horse" for the Communist Party.

The pamphlet on the "National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners," later called "National Committee for the Peoples Rights," outlines the activities of the Committee and characterizes it as "transmission belt" for the Communist Party.

The "Washington Committee for Democratic Action" pamphlet purports to outline the aims and purposes of the Committee as well as its alleged tie-in with the Communist Party.

The letterhead of the League reflects it was founded in 1919 as a non-political and non-profit organization. In the immediate years prior to its incorporation in 1937 and for a time thereafter it had a group of sponsors. Concerning these original sponsors the Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Connecticut, reports they appear above question. It is rumored that many of them resigned because the group had strayed from its original purpose.

Numerous reports have been received that the organization is pro-Axis. To date no information has been developed indicating the League is a subversive organization. On one occasion Gerald B. Winrod, Wichita, Kansas, wrote a form letter endorsing the League's publication "The Fifth Column in Washington."

Detailed information concerning the financial condition of the League, covering the period of January 1, to December 31, 1939, showed total receipts of \$44,787.25, and disbursements of \$33,493.47 for the period reported.

The agency to which the financial statement was submitted attempted on a subsequent occasion to bring the financial condition of the League up to date

and accordingly submitted a regular questionnaire requesting the pertinent material. The League on this occasion did not supply a financial statement but advised in effect that during the twelve-month period of 1940 over five million pieces of literature were distributed including booklets, pamphlets and "throw-aways." Speakers representing the League appeared before hundreds of gatherings, ranging in size from twenty-five to five thousand persons. The League cited as an example its activities in the State of Wisconsin, where one of its representatives spoke to assemblies of nearly one half the schools and colleges, sometimes making five appearances in one day. As a result mass meetings occurred which were sponsored jointly by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Chambers of Commerce, Service Clubs, churches and fraternal organizations. The League estimated that in this one single venture it reached between one and two hundred thousand persons.

The activities of the League and Joseph P. Kamp are being followed at the request of the Criminal Division of the Department. Kamp has been considered for violation of the Selective Training and Service Act in that he failed to return a questionnaire forwarded to him in August, 1942. At the present time he has complied with the Act and the Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York has declined prosecution, stating, that the records of Kamp's Local Board are in such condition as to preclude proof of a wilful violation. However, the Criminal Division of the Department is still withholding a final opinion, pending a review of all reports submitted in the matter.

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SAC, New Haven

April 25, 1944

41-10355-365X
J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; ET AL;
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to your letter of April 19, 1944, in which you furnished information concerning the possible publication of Kamp's proposed book "Un-American Gestapo."

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For your confidential information the Bureau has been successful in obtaining [redacted] This material was obtained from a source whose identity cannot be revealed under any circumstances and you are cautioned [redacted]

[redacted] Since one of the conditions under which the Bureau [redacted] was that copies were not to be made available to any agency or individual other than the Bureau itself, you are requested to continue your efforts to obtain galley proofs, original manuscript or rough draft copies of the proposed book from any source available to you in Connecticut. In the event that you are successful in obtaining any material of this sort, copies should be forwarded to the Bureau in order that they might be made available to the Attorney General and the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

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United States Department of Justice

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cc New York

510 Trust Company Building
New Haven, 10, Connecticut
April 19, 1944

Attention: Mr. Frank Welch

Director, FBI

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; *separated*
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)
REGISTRATION ACT
BUREAU FILE 61-10355

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 12, 1944 and to the report of Special Agent James J. Bowman dated February 22, 1944 at New Haven, Connecticut, which set out information to the effect that JOSEPH PETER KAMP'S proposed book, "Un-American Gestapo" according to confidential informants in this office was not being printed in Connecticut.

On this date [redacted]

[redacted] who is carried as a confidential informant in the referenced report, advised Special Agent James J. Bowman that JOSEPH PETER KAMP is in New Haven on this date attempting to make arrangements with the Van Dyke Printing Company concerning the printing of the above book. In addition he is attempting to have a pamphlet printed, title unknown, which is his, KAMP'S answer to Walter Winchell, radio commentator and newspaper columnist [redacted] advised that KAMP wanted the Van Dyke Printing Company to set up a few lines of type for the cover of the book so that he could have a printing plate made from it. He also wants the Van Dyke Printing Company to print his latest book [redacted]

He pointed out that the Van Dyke Printing Company is one of the oldest and most reputable firms in New Haven [redacted]

[redacted] advised that from what KAMP had mentioned about the book, he did not think it would be any different than the remarks directed at the present administration by such columnists as Paul Mallon and Westbrook Pegler. [redacted] advised that the other officials at the [redacted]

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April 19, 1944

Van Dyke Printing Company cannot decide whether or not to print this book. [redacted] KAMP to the Plancks Typographic Service, Inc., 87 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut to have the printing plate of the book cover made. He also advised that from the way KAMP spoke he was of the opinion that CHESTER A. HANSON is no longer connected with the League.

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[redacted] has advised that he will keep this office informed as to current developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Roger F. Gleason
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

WPM:EMA
65-7018

May 5, 1944.

Director, F.B.I.

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., Et al.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT
Bureau File 61-10355.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, has advised that the subject, JOSEPH PETER KAMP, and the above named Constitutional Educational League, will come out with a pamphlet probably on Tuesday, May 9th, entitled "Lotions of Love", which is believed to be a "take off" on WALTER WINCHELL and is described as consisting partly of excerpts from the book "Un-American Gestapo" which KAMP is allegedly publishing.

[redacted] the Anti-Defamation League stated that LOUIS HELMOND of 1066 Brook Avenue, Bronx, New York, was publishing the pamphlet but HELMOND denies the same. Informant [redacted] advised that the pamphlet is being published some place in New Haven, Connecticut.

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Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY,
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York**

CAD:MW

March 21, 1944

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Director, FBI

Att: Assistant Director Lee Pennington

Re: ~~UN~~AMERICAN GESTAPO
THE DEFAMATION NETWORK
(A Publication)

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DECLASSIFIED BY 822/JAK/KCE/18
ON 7/27/88

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation of March 20, 1944, between Assistant Director Lee Pennington and Assistant Special Agent in Charge Burton F. Wiand, of the New York Office, concerning the above captioned publication.

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Please be advised that [redacted]

[redacted] were photostated at this Field Division on March 20, 1944, after having been obtained from a confidential source known to Mr. Pennington. There are being enclosed herewith, appropriately marked, four copies of [redacted]

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In connection with the latter, it is to be noted that a few of the items are blurred. The confidential source mentioned above stated [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
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Constitutional Educational League

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
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- Mr. Ladd.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
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- Mr. Mumford.....
- Mr. Starke.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....
- Files.....

Subject matter E. E. Conroy
all turned over
to Messrs. Ladd
& Buckley, Dir
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Boston 9, Massachusetts
May 22, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL
LEAGUE, INC.
INTERNAL SECURITY - G;
REGISTRATION ACT
Bureau file 61-10355

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is an edition of ~~"FACT-O-GRAM"~~, published by the subject, dated May 1, 1944.

This is being sent for the Bureau's information and no investigation is being made by the Boston Field Division.

It was furnished to the Boston Field Division by Mr. MAURICE A. PARK, Secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners, Springfield, Massachusetts.

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Very truly yours,

Edward A. Soucy
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FACT-O-GRAM

From the Department of Patriotic Intelligence
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc.
342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.

IMPORTANT
ITEMS
TO READ
and
REMEMBER

FILE NO. 13

MAY 1, 1944.

TO ALL UNITED STATES SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

FOUR DAYS AGO A SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE "INFILTRATION" INTO THE ARMY AND ITS TRAINING PROGRAMS OF UN-AMERICAN TEACHINGS OR PHILOSOPHIES "AND THE UTILIZATION OF ARMY CHANNELS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF PROPAGANDA INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES," CHARGED THAT A BOOKLET CALLED "THE RACES OF MANKIND," OFFERED BY THE ARMY AS READING MATERIAL TO SOLDIERS, WAS FILLED WITH "ALL THE TECHNIQUES—MORE OR LESS SUBTLY PRESENTED—OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA."

THE CONGRESS, THEREFORE, WILL, NO DOUBT, BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF THIS BOOKLET, DR. RUTH BENEDICT, IS ON THE GOVERNMENT PAYROLL IN AN IMPORTANT EXECUTIVE POSITION AS HEAD OF THE ANALYSIS SECTION OF THE OWI.

SINCE DR. BENEDICT WAS AFFILIATED WITH, ENDORSED OR COOPERATED WITH MANY RADICAL OR COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES, SEVERAL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN BRANDED AS SUBVERSIVE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL FRANCIS BIDDLE, IT IS CERTAIN THAT, UNDER THE LAW, DR. BENEDICT CANNOT LEGALLY BE RETAINED IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

ALTHOUGH MR. ELMER DAVIS HAS ASSURED THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE THAT THE OWI WOULD "GET RID OF COMMUNISTS OR FELLOW TRAVELERS WHEN WE FIND THEM," DR. BENEDICT'S RED RECORD HAS QUITE PROBABLY FAILED TO IMPRESS HIM BECAUSE HE HAS A SPECIAL YARDSTICK TO JUDGE COMMUNISTS AND FELLOW TRAVELERS.

THAT DR. BENEDICT WAS A LECTURER OR FACULTY MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL FOR DEMOCRACY WHICH WAS ORGANIZED AND LARGELY STAFFED BY TEACHERS WHO, AS COMMUNISTS, WERE OUSTED FROM THE NEW YORK PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, EVIDENTLY MEANS NOTHING TO MR. DAVIS. THAT HER WRITING PARTNER, DR. GENE WELFISH, WAS AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, AN EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED COMMUNIST INSTITUTION, AND THAT THEIR BOOK WAS EDITED BY A FORMER PROFESSOR AT THE MOSCOW INSTITUTE AND A ONETIME EDITOR OF THE MOSCOW DAILY NEWS, LIKEWISE APPEARS TO BE OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO HIM.

ACCORDING TO MR. DAVIS, IT ALL DEPENDS ON A PERSON'S ATTITUDE DURING THE PERIOD OF THE STALIN-HITLER HONEYMOON. THE SIMPLE FACT THEN, THAT DR. BENEDICT SIGNED THE COMMUNIST FRONT LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS' ANTI-WAR ATTACK ON DR. NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER DURING THE PERIOD OF THE STALIN-HITLER NON-AGGRESSION PACT, SHOULD BE AMPLE EVIDENCE TO IMPRESS MR. DAVIS AND TO WARRANT HER DISMISSAL FROM THE OWI ROLLS.

WHEN CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO THE REQUEST FOR A NEW APPROPRIATION OF \$64,390,000 FOR THE OWI CONGRESS SHOULD DISCOVER IF MR. DAVIS MEANS WHAT HE SAYS, OR IF HIS ASSURANCES TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ARE MEANINGLESS. CONGRESS SHOULD FIND OUT, TOO, JUST HOW IT HAPPENS THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PERMITS A PERSON OF SUCH EVIDENT COMMUNIST LEANINGS TO REMAIN ON THE TAXPAYERS' PAYROLL.

IN A RADIO ADDRESS ON APRIL 24, 1944, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER ARTHUR S. FLEMING TOLD HIS LISTENERS: "WE HAVE CONCENTRATED OUR RESOURCES ON PERSONS SELECTED FOR KEY POSITIONS IN WAR AGENCIES," PRESUMABLY, KEY PERSONS LIKE DR. BENEDICT. HE FURTHER STATED: "WHEN IT COMES TO COMMUNISM, THERE IS A WELL RECOGNIZED TEST WHICH CAN BE APPLIED. THIS IS KNOWN AS THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE TEST."

DESPITE THE FACT THAT MR. FLEMING ASSURED HIS AUDIENCE "THAT THOSE FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS FOR SOONER OR LATER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER," THE COMMISSION, APPARENTLY, IS NOT RECOGNIZING THIS POSSIBILITY INsofar AS DR. BENEDICT IS CONCERNED.

IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WITH ITS INVESTIGATIVE FACILITIES AND WITH THE AID OF THE F.B.I., HAS UNEARTHED AT LEAST AS MUCH OF DR. BENEDICT'S RECORD AS THE MILITARY AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR DISCOVERED. IT MUST BE ASSUMED, TOO, THAT THE COMMISSION IS FAMILIAR WITH THE RECORD OF ACTIVITIES AND ADHERENCE TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH DR. BENEDICT HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED OR AFFILIATED.

ACCORDINGLY, ON THE BASIS OF COMMISSIONER FLEMING'S ANNUNCIATED POLICY, A DECISION OF INELIGIBILITY SHOULD HAVE BEEN INESCAPABLE FOR DR. BENEDICT.

WILL THE CONGRESS ASK THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS FINDINGS AND DECISION IN THIS CASE? AND IF DR. BENEDICT WAS DECLARED ELIGIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT WILL THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BE CALLED UPON TO EXPLAIN ITS ACTION TO THE CONGRESS AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

OR WILL THE CONGRESS CONTINUE TO PERMIT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO COMMUNISTS AND FELLOW TRAVELERS AND DEFY CONGRESS TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT?

ON ADVISES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY REFUSED TO HONOR SUBPOENAS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES. WILL THE COMMISSION BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE TO EVADE THE LAW AND FLAUNT THE AUTHORITY OF CONGRESS?

100-8818-1867 ✓
100-7284 ✓ JOSEPH P. KAMP, VICE CHAIRMAN.
65-1842-6 P.11 ✓

[Write YOUR Congressman what YOU think about this situation. Write your local newspaper. Get this FACT-O-GRAM into the hands of your friends. Read it to your organization. Enclose copies with your letters. Get a supply TODAY. Five copies FREE — 1¢ each in quantities — \$4.00 for five hundred.]

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Memo to Walter Winchell

May 10, 1944

Subject: Joseph P. Kamp

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Last Sunday night Kamp and all his friends and co-workers were tuned in to the Winchell program for an expected blast, and were greatly disappointed. Kamp had felt certain that Winchell would blast and smear Kamp's forthcoming book--and thereby help its anticipated sales.

Lotions of Love--an introductory pamphlet to Kamp's larger volume, was supposed to come off the press last week. The death of Sec. Knox, caused a delay. It seems that the pamphlet contained many derogatory items about the Navy Secretary. In view of his death, changes had to be made.

(Not true
W. W.)

Kamp's office brags that it has obtained the entire mailing (???) list of the Stork Club. Lotions of Love will be mailed to the entire list, gratuitously.

Kamp's brother Anthony, ^{Kamp}apparently is now out of the Navy. He spends a good deal of his time at Kamp's office.

You are right--the material to be used by Kamp will be all the smear nonsense you have seen before.

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May 31, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INCORPORATED
JOSEPH P. KAMP
REGISTRATION ACT

The Offices receiving copies of this letter are advised that a memorandum has recently been received from the Criminal Division of the Department which has been considering the possibility of prosecuting Kamp for violation of the Selective Service and Training Act. This memorandum stated that it is the opinion of the Criminal Division that such action is not warranted, this opinion concurring with that of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

CC: New York

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
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REGISTRATION ACT

Date: June 15, 1944

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter, dated May 29, 1944, at New York, in connection with the captioned case. It is noted from page four of the referenced report that mention is made of the obtaining of the

[redacted] was forwarded to the New Haven Field Division.

As you were advised by Inspector Lee R. Pennington at the time [redacted] obtained from Confidential Informant T-1, the fact that the Bureau was in possession of this material was to remain absolutely confidential since this was the condition upon which the informant [redacted] No copies of this material were to be allowed outside of the Bureau under any conditions. You must realize that, since the Department has requested investigation in this matter, copies of investigative reports are being forwarded to the Criminal Division and for this reason, the statement contained in the referenced report regarding [redacted] could prove extremely embarrassing to the Bureau in the event the Department learned [redacted] There was no objection to your forwarding copies to the New Haven Field Division for its information, but this should have been done by confidential cover letter rather than by report.

Paragraph six, page four of the referenced report has been entirely deleted from the Bureau copies, as well as the enclosure paragraph on page six. The copies of the report in the New York and New Haven Field Divisions should be similarly deleted and the New York Office is again cautioned to reveal to no one the fact that the Bureau [redacted]

cc - New Haven

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ON 3-27-85
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Mr. Tolson
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Bureau File 61-10355
Report of Special Agent James J. Bowman dated
February 22, 1944 at New Haven, Connecticut.

Confidential Informant A, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised by communication dated January 14, 1944, that JOSEPH P. KAMP was writing a book which, according to an informant of Confidential Informant A, was to be sent to the printer on January 11, 1944, and the informant stated that the title of this book would be "UNDERGROUND GESTAPO". This informant further advised that this name may have been passed out in an effort to trap any agent divulging this information.

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It is further reported that memoranda of DR. BIRKHEAD will appear as photostatic reproductions, "these documents presumably having been stolen from the office of the Friends of Democracy by some of KAMP'S agents, and it is believed that these documents will be damaging to BIRKHEAD as well as to J. R. CARLSON, the author of 'UNDERCOVER'".

An attempt was made by this office to learn the name of the company which would publish KAMP'S proposed book but with negative results. Confidential Informant A advised Special Agent H. O. Hawkins of this office that this office would be advised immediately if and when information was obtained concerning the name of the publisher of said book.

Mr. LOUIS BRADY of the Anti-Defamation League, advised Special Agent H. Harold Calkins that the previous report that KAMP'S book would be published by the VAN DYCK PUBLISHING COMPANY of New Haven was probably premature and that this office would be advised immediately when he learned the name of the publisher.

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Confidential Informant [] advised the writer that he had understood the book was to be published by the VAN DYCK PUBLISHING COMPANY but that he later heard that it was to be published by some publisher in West Field, Connecticut. When he obtained information as to the name of the publisher he advised he would so advise this office.

By communication dated January 29, 1944, Confidential Informant A advised this office that one of its informants advised that adverse criticism from WALTER WINCHELL regarding the proposed book will act as a plug for the book and every time that WINCHELL attacks the forthcoming book, more copies thereof will be sold.

This informant further advised by a communication dated February 11, 1944, that it had obtained information from an informant to the effect that JOSEPH P. KAMP was in Chicago during the first week of February 1944 trying to solicit funds for the printing expenses of his forthcoming book.

This informant further advised by a communication dated February 26, 1944, that one of its informants had reported that JOSEPH P. KAMP "recently went to Chicago and contacted important official of the Ford Motor

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Company. The purpose of this visit was said to be to enlist the cooperation of the Ford Motor Company and their agents and to get the permission of that company for KAMP to contact its New York agent and other agents for the purpose of securing their confidential files which KAMP alleged he would turn over to Senator Wheeler". Informant further advised that it was also reported that while in Detroit, KAMP contacted ELIZABETH DILLING and, further, that "it is known that ELIZABETH DILLING while in New York on or about February 14, contacted JOSEPH KAMP."

By letter dated March 21, 1944, Confidential Informant A advised as follows:

"Information has been submitted voluntarily by an informant known to this office, whose information is usually reliable, to the effect that JOSEPH P. KAMP, in a recent visit with a representative of a large manufacturing company with offices in Philadelphia, made certain statements about his forth-coming book and other matters which may be of interest.

"In connection with his book, KAMP stated that he had in his possession photostats of documents from the files of the Anti-Defamation League and the Anti-Nazi League which would prove the connection of these two organizations with the coming prosecution of the thirty seditionists shortly to be tried in Washington. He even went so far as to say that he had documentary proof that the two organizations referred to above had induced the Department of Justice to prosecute these defendants. He stated that he hopes to have his book published before the trial begins in Washington. If his statements are true, it is conceivable that the publication of this material may jeopardize the prosecution of this case.

"KAMP also made the statement that his book contains a very interesting chapter on WALTER WINCHELL which he describes as accurate, intensive and factual. In view of the fact that the files of this office indicate that in times past KAMP has had some sort of relationship with the Anti-Nazi League and the Anti-Defamation League, it is difficult to reconcile his proposed plan to show a connection between these two organizations and the prosecution of the seditionists.

"Among other statements, KAMP made one to the effect that DREW PEARSON was working for the Anti-Defamation League and getting information from that organization for use in his column or on the radio. KAMP also stated that the FBI was deliberately planting agents in industrial plants and gave as an example of this the recent employment by the Ford Company in Detroit of a former F.B.I. Special Agent.

"During the course of the conversation, the interest of the Lamonts', Thomas W. and Corliss, of J. P. Morgan & Company, in the Communist Party was discussed. KAMP pointed out that it was pretty generally understood

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"that it would be smart practice on the part of J. P. Morgan & Company to be interested in both sides of the fence and that it was a well-known fact that borth SIDNEY HILLMAN and DAVID DUBINSKY are and have been for many years on the Morgan payroll, and that no corporation in which Morgan & Company were financially interested, had very serious labor troubles if HILLMAN or DUBINSKY were interested in the unions operating these plants.

"In conclusion, KAMP claims that his photostats of original letters from the files of the Anti-Nazi League, Anti-Defamation League, and P'Nai B'Rith, and which he proposes to publish in his book, will show definite contact between these organizations and the Department of Justice."

In connection with "LOTIONS OF LOVE", which was a pamphlet that had previously been reported as a plug for KAMP'S book, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that that pamphlet would probably come out on Tuesday, May 9, 1944. He further advised that this pamphlet was believed to be a "take off" on WALTER WINCHELL and described the same as consisting partly of excerpts from the book, "UNAMERICAN GESTAPO" which KAMP proposes to publish.

[redacted] of the Anti-Defamation League advised Special Agent H. Harold Calkins that LOUIS HEIMOND of 1066 Brook Avenue, Bronx, was publishing this pamphlet and that upon being contacted, Mr. HEIMOND denied publishing the same.

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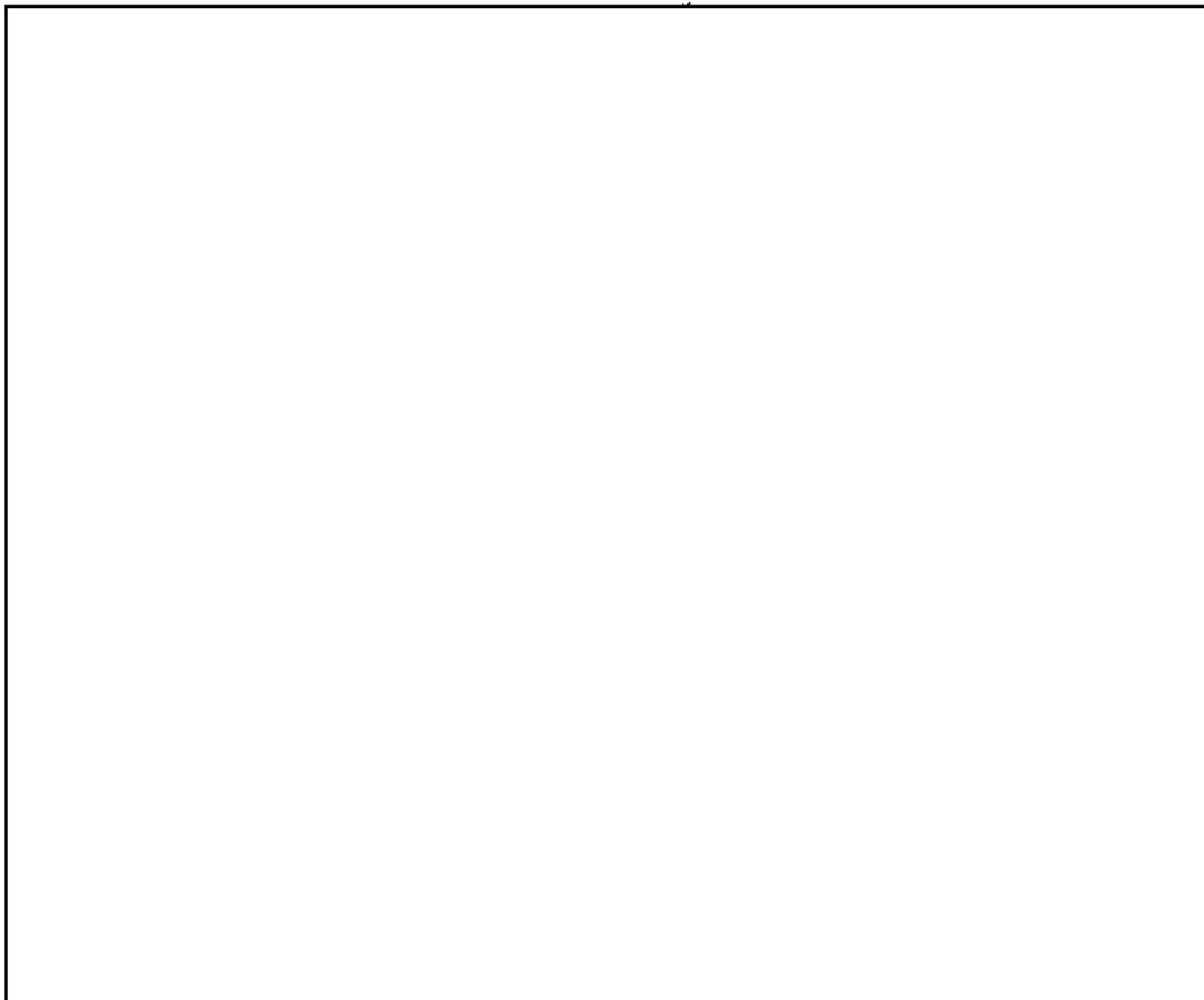
Confidential Informant [redacted] advised the writer that the pamphlet is being published someplace in New Haven, Connecticut.

In connection with [redacted] JOSEPH P. KAMP at the Constitutional Educational League, Mr. CHARLES MANTELL, 139 East 57th St., New York City, advised Special Agent George R. Masset that [redacted] told MANTELL, who is Jewish, that this is a free country and that it is perfectly all right for anyone to make anti-Semitic statements. She is alleged to have stated that PM and the POST are Communist papers and that the only group who will be victorious in this war are the Communists. She further is alleged to have stated that [redacted] who is a Naval officer, wrote her a letter stating that the Navy was furious with the Army because the Army would not allow the Navy to shell Salerno during the landing. This informant further stated that [redacted] said that, "We lost Cassino, would lose the war, and hoped we would lose".

This information has been furnished to the interested agencies.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Arthur W. Richardson, Jr., at Yonkers, New York:



The records of Local Draft Board No. 732, Ashburton Avenue, Yonkers, New York, were reviewed by the writer, the same reflecting that a JOHN STENGEL, also known as HANS STENGEL, the owner of a restaurant at 60 Harburton Avenue, Yonkers, New York, had registered with Local Board No. 732 on February 15, 1942. STENGEL stated that his wife's name was Mrs. HELEN STENGEL; that her age was twenty-three in 1942; and that they had been married in New York City on January 22, 1938. According to the information in his file, he was born at Schwabach, Bavaria, Germany, and was an alien, Having Alien Registration No. 4486044. The records further reflected that he had been in the United States permanently since January 26, 1929, and had secured his first papers in the United States District Court, Southern District of

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New York, on June 10, 1936, No. 379003. On May 26, 1943, this registrant was classified in 1-A (H). The date of birth of his wife was given as November 14, 1918, and her occupation as waitress, evidently in the restaurant known as "Mother's Kitchen", which STENGEL operates at 60 Warburton Avenue.

In reference to the transaction with HANSON, a memorandum in the file dated October 21, 1942, submitted by R. Halsey Jackson, an associate member of the Advisory Board, reflects that on that date the registrant stated that he notified the local board that he was purchasing a farm at Danbury, Connecticut. However, the deal did not go through and the registrant stated that he had now purchased a farm at Millford, Connecticut, from one JAMES or JANE HANSON under an agreement dated October 7, 1942. The registrant further advised that he had received a warranty deed which was being recorded at the county seat. The registrant on his original questionnaire had mentioned that he intended to buy a farm at Danbury, Connecticut, and that he had paid down \$800 and had to pay \$800 each year. It is suggested that this \$800 figure might account for the deposit of \$800 in the MORRIS PLAN BANK, the same possibly being a repayment to STENGEL when the deal did not go through.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter, dated May 29, 1944, at New York, New York, is as follows:

Confidential Informant 9-1



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Because of the nature of his position, this informant requested that his name be kept confidential.

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In view of previous instructions from the Bureau, and also in view of the fact that [redacted] appears to be wholeheartedly in sympathy with JOSEPH P. KAMP, no further attempt has been made to develop her as a confidential informant in the instant case. Therefore, the lead set out by the New Haven Field Division requesting New York to advise the progress being made in attempting to develop [redacted] as a confidential informant was disregarded.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JFB:lem

12:10 p.m.

DATE: 6-20-44

TO :

D. M. LADD

FROM :

J. F. BUCKLEY

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KAMP; CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE; REGISTRATION ACT

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Beahm _____
 Miss Gandy _____

At this time, while talking to the NY office, I advised Mr. Granville that the pamphlet "Lotions of Love" recently issued by Joseph P. Kamp indicated on the back cover that "Un-American Gestapo" written by Kamp was being published by the Hallmark Publishers of 11 East 43rd Street, NYC. Mr. Granville was instructed to obtain two copies of this as soon as possible and forward them to the Bureau for analysis.

ACTION:

As soon as the book is received, it will be completely analyzed and its contents brought to your attention.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JFB:lem

TO :

D. M. LADD

9:30 a.m.

FROM :

J. F. BUCKLEY

DATE:

June 17, 1944

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KAMP, CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, REGISTRATION ACT

At this time SA R. R. Granville telephonically advised that Lou Novins, representative of the Anti-Defamation League, telephonically advised the NY office this morning that the secretary of Joseph P. Kamp of the Constitutional Educational League had been ejected from her apartment by the Borough Marshal, who has some of her effects, including written material. Lou Novins was interested in the written material and stated that the Anti-Defamation League had been turned down flatly by the Borough authorities, who stated that the League had no official status which would warrant the Borough authorities to turn any of the material over to the League. Novins, of course, was excited and felt that the Bureau should immediately go down and request access to the material. He indicated that if the Bureau did not do so he would shop around until some official agency was solicited to go through her effects, in view of the fact that she is the secretary of Joseph P. Kamp.

SA Granville was questioned as to what was alleged to be in her possession which would be of interest to the investigation concerning Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League. This investigation is looking toward a possible violation of the Registration Act. As you will recall, of course, Kamp has been very violent in his attacks on Communists and in some instances on the Jewish people, including particularly Walter Winchell. The only information he had was the allegation of Novins that she had some papers belonging to Kamp which she had brought home from Kamp's office.

In addition, Granville advised that Joseph P. Kamp is issuing today a pamphlet entitled "With Lotions of Love to Walter Winchell." This pamphlet makes a stirring attack on Walter Winchell and undoubtedly may precipitate comment on the air tomorrow evening by Winchell. Of course, Novins, through the Anti-Defamation League, will advise Winchell of the fact that Kamp's secretary has been dispossessed.

ACTION: In view of all the information at hand and, further, since Granville indicated the NY office does not know exactly what is in the possession of the Borough authorities who dispossessed Miss Cannon, Kamp's secretary, Granville was advised to have an experienced Agent contact the Borough authorities and make arrangements so that the effects of Miss Cannon can be examined to see if anything of evidentiary value to the investigation is contained in her effects. If there is, Granville said arrangements could be made for photostating and, further, arrangements could be made with the Borough authorities for obtaining the material in legal fashion.

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In either event, Granville was instructed to make arrangements with the Borough authorities so that no publicity would be occasioned by the contact made by Bureau Agents. I also advised Granville that there was no necessity to advise Novins whether or not we were going to make a contact with Borough authorities in order to look at Miss Cannon's effects. Granville will telephonically advise later in the day the results. He will also attempt to obtain a copy of the pamphlet concerning Walter Winchell issued by Kamp.

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TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : J. F. BUCKLEY

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KAMP, CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE,
REGISTRATION ACT.

DATE: June 19, 1944

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Mr. Tolson ☒

Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒

Mr. Clegg ☒

Mr. Coffey ☒

Mr. Glavin ☒

Mr. Ladd ☒

Mr. Nichols ☒

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Mr. Jones ☒

Mr. Quinn Tamm ☒

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Mr. Nease ☒

Miss Beahm ☒

Miss Gandy ☒

At this time I telephonically requested from Special Agent Granville in New York advice whether the Agents had gained access to the effects of Miss Cannon, Secretary to Joseph P. Kamp. My memorandum of June 17th indicated that Lou Novins, of the Anti-Defamation League, had notified the New York Office that Miss Cannon's effects had been taken into custody by the authorities in the Borough where she lived in New York and Novins felt that she must have some letters or other material concerning Kamp.

Special Agent Granville advised that the Agents had contacted the Borough officials, but were politely refused permission to examine the material without some process.

ACTION:

No further action is contemplated since there is no evidence of any data of interest to the Bureau except the feelings of Lou Novins. The New York Office is forwarding advice by letter in confirmation of the foregoing.

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TO : Mr. D. M. LADD

DATE: 5:40 PM
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FROM : J. F. Buckley

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KAMP; CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahm	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At this time in response to my earlier call to NY, SA Granville telephonically advised that discreet inquiries revealed that the book "Un-American Gestapo" written by Joseph P. Kamp is not scheduled to be released for publication until about August 1944.

The NY Office will keep in touch with the matter in order to obtain a copy of the book as soon as possible so that it may be compared with the manuscript, a copy of which the Bureau obtained thru the assistance of Homer Chaikofsky of the American Legion.

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DML:CSH

TO : MR. HUCKLEY

DATE:

2:15 p.m.,
June 22, 1944

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: PAMPHLET "LOTIONS OF LOVE",
issued by Joseph P. Kamp

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahn	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

While talking with Mr. Conroy of the New York Office, I advised that the above pamphlet mentions that anyone interested in the skeleton in Winchell's closet should inspect the blotter at New York's 30th Precinct Police Station for May 23, 1930, or file #3592 in the Magistrate's Court. I requested that, if it could be done discreetly, the nature of these charges be ascertained. Mr. Conroy advised this information could be easily obtained and that he would pass it on to the Bureau as soon as secured.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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June 28, 1944

"CONFIDENTIAL"

Director, FBI

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH P. KAMP
REGISTRATION ACT
Bureau file 61-10355

Dear Sir:

Recently this office received a communication dated May 23, 1944 from Confidential Informant A, whose identity is known to the Bureau. This report concerned the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. and JOSEPH P. KAMP. The report stated that the money for financing KAMP's book came from "certain parties in Chicago who are now sore at KAMP because the book is not out and while KAMP tells the thing is all ready and just waiting for the coming convention in Chicago, in reality the book has never been printed due to KAMP's inability to get any printer to touch the thing".

The following material was also contained in the report from Confidential Informant A:

KAMP and MARTIN DIES such nondescript (?) outfits as Military Intelligence, Naval Intelligence and the F.B.I. will be sorry they ever existed.

It should be noted that the [redacted] above-mentioned, is Confidential Informant [redacted] who has cooperated consistently with this office.

A photostatic copy of the communication hereinabove mentioned from Confidential Informant A is enclosed herewith to the Bureau.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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June 28, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH P. KAMP
REGISTRATION ACT
Bureau file 61-10355

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Dear Sir:

On June 20, 1944, Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter with two copies of the pamphlet, "With Lotions of Love...to Walter Winchell", together with two one-sheet fliers advertising "With Lotions of Love..".

Inasmuch as the Bureau has requested three extra copies of said pamphlet, the two above-mentioned copies are enclosed herewith to the Bureau and an additional copy will be furnished at a later date, both to the Bureau and to the New Haven Field Division.

The above-mentioned informant stated that these pamphlets were published by the LENTO PUBLISHING COMPANY at 441 Pearl Street, New York City, and that approximately 25,000 copies have been published for the first edition. The pamphlets will not be on public news stands, but will be handled through private concerns and individuals. This same informant advised that the book, "Unamerican Gestapo", is expected to be released some time during the middle of August, 1944.

Recently the Anti-Defamation League in New York City furnished Special Agent H. Harold Calkins with a thirteen-page typed copy of the life and activities of JOSEPH P. KAMP. This material has been photostated and one photostatic copy thereof is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New Haven Field Division. The original copy of said material is being retained in the file of this case by this office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

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December, 1943

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Kamp was born "Joseph William Kamp" on May 3, 1908, at Old Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, New York. His father (now 78 years old) is Joseph Kamp, birthplace Germany. His mother was Margaret Franz, birthplace Yonkers. Kamp was the first child. A record of his birth is on file in the City of Yonkers, Department of Health, District No. 5907, Certificate No. 18216.

An examination of the Yonkers City Directories for the years 1895 through 1942, at the Yonkers Public Library, reveals the following:

Joseph Kamp, Sr. first appears in the City of Yonkers, in 1895, where he opened a "Ladies' & Gents' Tailoring Shop" at 66 North Broadway, Yonkers, N.Y., and resided at 168 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, N.Y. (Apparently Kamp senior came to the United States about such time.)

He remained in such business until 1923 when he went into the real estate and insurance business at the same address.

Kamp senior's wife, Margaret, the Subject's mother, described in the directories as "Mary," is listed during the same period as a "school teacher." From 1928 to 1938 she is listed as a "secretary."

Kamp senior for 1925 and 1926 is also listed as the "Constable" for the 10th Ward in Yonkers.

1940 is the last year that "Mary" is listed, while Kamp senior is still listed in 1942 as "retired." (He is still living while the wife apparently is dead.)

In 1925 the family moved from Saw Mill River Road, after living there 30 years, to 700 Hall Avenue, Yonkers, New York. In 1929 the family moved to 60 Hall Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y., where they still reside.

Joseph F. Kamp first appears in the directories in 1917 as a "student." In 1918, 1919 and 1920, he is described in the directories as a "process server."

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In 1921 and 1922 he is listed as "unemployed." He is not listed as a resident of Yonkers subsequent to 1922.

The directories also list other members of the family.

a) Anthony Kamp, in business as the "Kamp Construction Co." probably a younger brother of the subject;

b) John H. Kamp, a "carpenter and building contractor," apparently a younger brother of the subject;

c) Barbara Kamp, now Mrs. Barbara Voight, a younger sister of the subject. Her husband is listed as Elmer Voight, a "professional golfer."

All have lived with the family throughout their lives. All now live together in a private home at 60 Ball Avenue, Yonkers, - excepting Joseph P. Kamp, the Subject, who appears to have left the family premises in 1922, not reappearing.

According to voting records at The Board of Elections, White Plains, N. Y., members of the family are registered Republican voters in the 1st and 4th Election Districts of the 10th Ward, Yonkers, N.Y. However, Joseph P. Kamp does not appear at all in 1921, when he became of voting age, or in 1922, apparently the last year of his residence in Yonkers. He does not, of course, appear therein any time thereafter.

Inquiry was also made of Mr. Williams, Superintendent of Education in the City of Yonkers. After checking the Board of Education records, he disclosed that Joseph P. Kamp entered Public School #5, Yonkers, in January, 1908, under that name and graduated in January, 1917. He then entered the Yonkers High School where he remained for one six months' term leaving in June, 1917 - apparently of his own accord. No further education is shown.

The elder Kamp and the Voights were interviewed at their home concerning the Subject, but admitted only that (1) he is their son and brother, (2) that he was connected with The Awakener, (3) he is presently associated with the Constitutional

Educational League. They refused further information.

The elder Kamp still speaks with a German accent, and is of the German military type.

Kamp attained his majority in 1921 and was, for the first time, eligible to vote. In that year and in 1922 he still resided in Yonkers. However, no voting record for either of these two years can be found.

We have been unable to learn where Kamp resided from 1922 to 1929.

From 1930 to February, 1935, Kamp resided at 45-14 42 Street, Long Island City, according to the then owner of the said premises. However, according to Kamp's 1934 voting registration record, in 1933 he resided at 531 E. 88 Street, and in 1934 at the Hotel Franklin, 164 E. 87 Street.

This 1934 record is the first voting registration found for him. Incidentally, an examination of the 1933 registration records fails to reveal that he did actually vote from an East 88 Street address in New York City, as he reported in 1934.

An examination of these voting records reveals the following alleged residences:-

1933	531 E. 88 Street, NYC (according to 1934 registration)
1934	Hotel Franklin, 164 E. 87 Street, NYC
1935)	no
1936)	voting
1937)	record
1938	37-46 85 Street, Queens, New York
1939	no voting record
1940	37-46 85 Street, Queens, N.Y.
1941	no voting record
1942	3 E. 34 Street, NYC
1943	" " " "

The foregoing Kamp voting records indicate a number of false entries:-

(1) In 1943 Kamp reported a twenty year residence in New York County (at this time he was qualifying for a vote in New York County.) In 1942 he similarly reported a 20 year residence in New York County. Yet, in 1940, Kamp voted in Queens, New York, and claimed a residence in that County of ten years duration.

(2) As stated in the above paragraph, Kamp, in 1940 claimed ten years residence in Queens County. Yet, in his 1936 registration in Queens he claims that he had last voted in 1934 in New York County; and the 1934 registration record verifies that he did maintain residence in New York County in that year and voted there.

(3) In the 1934 registration Kamp claimed a ten year residence in New York County, giving a New York County address - 331 E. 88 Street, New York City - as his 1933 voting residence. (No record of any such vote could be found for 1933.) Yet Folk's Directory for 1933 and 1934 showed him to be a resident of Queens at 45-14 42 Street. Further, in a business certificate of The Awakener Publishing Co., which Kamp filed in New York County on December 7, 1933, he gave his residence as Queens, New York.

According to these same voting records Kamp claimed the following employment:

1934 - The Awakener, 11 W. 42 Street, NYC
1938 - The Awakener, 110 W. 42 Street, NYC
1940 - Constitutional Educational League

According to Department of Health and Election records, Kamp has been twice married. His first wife was Johanna Elisabeth Petersen. She died in Queens, New York, on March 3, 1941. Her death certificate states that the "principal cause of death" was "pulmonary tuberculosis" and "the contributing cause" was "syphilis."

The 1942 election records reveal that Kamp is now married to one Mildred Hall, a professional photographer. No marriage certificate was located in New York City. The second Mrs. Kamp's 1942 voting registration record reveals that she

last voted in 1930 in Birmingham, Alabama.

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An interview was had with [redacted] Eastchester Trust Co., 30 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York. From him it was learned that the Trust Company holds an outstanding unpaid judgment in the amount of \$1,621.24, dated January 12, 1937, against Joseph Kamp, Sr. arising out of monies loaned in connection with a real estate transaction.

With respect to a family history, [redacted] stated that he had known the whole Kamp family for many years and had always regarded all family members as "strictly" pre-Nazi and un-American. He added that the elder Mr. Kamp and Anthony (younger brother of Joseph P. and owner of the Kamp Construction Co. in Yonkers) had both made trips to Germany on a number of occasions prior to 1938, the last trip in the winter of 1938. On the last trip Anthony returned alone. The elder Kamp remained in Germany for a while, allegedly to collect an accumulated income at the rate of 900 marks per week on some property he owns in Berlin, inherited from his parents.

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Anthony returned to the United States in December, 1939, after staying in Germany for more than a year. The elder Kamp returned in March of 1940.

On the question of loyalty to the United States, and possible anti-Semitic tendencies on the part of any of the Kamps, [redacted] stated that when Anthony returned from Germany he expressed to [redacted] his admiration for Hitler, and showed great glee over Hitler's persecution of the Jews. [redacted] also added that Anthony, Joseph Senior, as well as Joseph P. are all rabid Nazis and "Jew haters." He stated that he was so shocked at the time that he was going to report them all to the F.B.I., but somehow, never got around to it. He still feels that he is going to take some action as he has several attorney friends who are present assistant U.S. attorneys in the New York Federal Courts.

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[redacted] revealed that about a year ago, Anthony received a commission in the U. S. Navy and is presently stationed somewhere on the East Coast. "That's a fine state of affairs," declared Merriarty. He then stated that in 1932 Anthony failed in business in the City of Yonkers, with liabilities of \$8320.98 (he consulted some records for this figure) after having been engaged in the construction of miniature golf courses.

[redacted] seemed to be very well acquainted with the activities of the entire Kamp clan. He spoke at length of Joseph F. Kamp's activities with "The Awakener" and the Constitutional Educational League. He reviewed many facts already reported, and after consulting some pamphlets, read off the following names as contributors:- A. Cressy Harrison, Senator L. J. Dickinson, Simon Levy Lee, Chester A. Hanson, George C. Winston, James O'Neill, John Hagan Kelly, Ira E. Bennett, Virginia Bacon, Harry A. Jung, Ralph E. Shields and Walter Vernon.

[redacted] did not seem to know anything about the Subject between 1922 and 1930 except that he believed that Kamp had worked for some time during such period in Madison, Wisconsin as a mechanic for a battery company.

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Records at Local Selective Service Board No. 20, at 331 Madison Avenue, New York City, disclose that the Subject is registered there under the name of Joseph F. Kamp. He registered there on February 15, 1942, and gave 3 E. 54 Street as his residence. He stated that he was employed by the Constitutional Educational League. He gave his birth date as May 3, 1900. Kamp's file at this Local Selective Service Board also reveals that he is listed as a "delinquent," based on his failure to complete, subscribe to, and return both the regular questionnaire and the "occupational" questionnaire mailed to all registrants.

In answer to inquiry, an official at the Local Selective Service Board stated that though there is a technical violation of the Selective Service Law, no action

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is taken where a registrant is over 38 years of age. However, where there is a failure to return questionnaires, a registrant cannot be "classified." Hence, the Subject has no classification, at this time.

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The files of the American Bureau of Credit, 32 Broadway, New York City, reveal that the Subject has the following outstanding unsatisfied judgments against him, as of date:-

1) On February 3, 1937, Lens & Riecker, Inc. printers, 75 Varick Street, NYC, filed a judgment in New York Supreme Court for \$5289.31 against Joseph P. Kamp, Harold Lord Varney and The Awakener Publishing Company. The judgment is for "work, labor and services" in the printing of issues of "The Awakener." Included is a promissory note for \$230.00, dated January 25, 1934, executed by Joseph P. Kamp, and made payable at the Banca Commerciale Trust Co. of 62 William Street, NYC. The judgment is "unpaid" on the record, and is for printing done between 11/27/33 and 6/26/36.

2) On July 31, 1939, Brown Associates, Inc., 480 Lexington Avenue, NYC, sued the Constitutional Educational League for \$187.28, for "work, labor and services." Joseph P. Kamp, as Vice-Chairman, accepted service. A default judgment for \$199.75 was entered on August 14, 1939, in the 9th Manhattan Municipal Court under Index No. 11640. As of date it is "unpaid."

3) On April 7, 1939, Roberts & Son, Inc., Birmingham, Ala. sued the Constitutional Educational League for \$23.65 for "work, labor and services." Miss Mildred Hall, as manager, accepted service at 15 W. 44 Street, NYC. On April 13, 1939, a default judgment was entered for \$32.41 in the 9th Manhattan, Municipal Court, under Index No. 4784. As of date it is unpaid.

4) On May 27, 1939, Franklin Factors, then at 100 W. 42 Street, NYC, as assigners for the Tri-Boro Burial Co. Inc. sued the Constitutional Educational League for \$11.53 for "goods, sold and delivered." On June 9, 1939, a default

judgment was entered for \$32.41, in the 1st Manhattan Municipal Court, under Index No. 32194.

5) On August 9, 1939, Brennan Motor Car Co., 2220 Avenue E, Ensley, Ala. started suit against the Constitutional Educational League for \$53.92, for "repairs" to the wrecked car of Mildred Hall, a League employee. Work was performed at Ensley, Alabama. Joseph P. Kamp, as Vice-Chairman of the League, accepted service. Carl P. Lothrop, a New York City attorney, represented the League. On October 13, 1939, judgment was entered in the 1st Manhattan Municipal Court, under Index No. 44964.

Investigation as to his credit background revealed the following:-

Mrs. Mary Keenan, a middle-aged widow with two sons in the service, living at 43-18 36 Street, Jackson Heights, L.I. (Tel. No. Ravenser 9-1459) formerly owned the premises at 45-14 42 Street, Long Island City, where the subject formerly resided. She was interviewed at her present address. She stated that the subject had lived at such address from about 1930 to February, 1935, occupying a four room apartment at a monthly rental of \$70.00, together with his wife Elizabeth, and a boarder by the name of Harold Varney. She stated that the subject was an undesirable tenant and that he often had secret meetings in his apartment, went out-of-town on many occasions, and generally acted as a "spy." He was the object of suspicion by other tenants of the building. Mrs. Keenan also stated that the subject secretly moved from the apartment one night, owing her \$200.00 in back rent; and that she has been trying to locate him ever since to serve him with a summons for the money, but has been unsuccessful.

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Mr. Harry, manager of the Queensboro Realty Co. with offices at 8120 37 Avenue, Jackson Heights, L.I. (Tel. No. Whitman 9-6000) owners of the premises at 37-46 85 Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island, where the subject later resided, was

then interviewed. According to his files, the Subject resided at such address from February, 1939 to February, 1941 in a \$92.00 a month, three-room apartment.

At the time he applied for the lease, he stated that his former address was 60 Hall Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y. Apparently the subject deliberately concealed the fact that he was moving in Apt 45-14 42 Street, Long Island City. He owed his previous landlord, Mrs. Keenan, \$200.00, and apparently he did not wish it to be known to the new landlord. Rather, he depended on his father in Yonkers to establish a previous address.

According to Mr. Barry's files, the Subject gave no references Major C.N. Penfield, of the American Arbitration Association, 521 Fifth Avenue, NYC and a Mr. Joseph T. Casman, 99 Hall Street, NYC. There is a letter from Major Penfield in the file stating that he knew the Subject for "40 years," and knew him and his wife to be "quiet, refined people." There is no reply in the file from Mr. Casman. An additional reference that the Subject furnished at the time, was the Banca Commerciale Italiana of 62 William Street, New York City. A reply in the file from such bank states that the subject carried a "small account" at the bank in 1934.

Mr. Barry went further. During the interview he stated that the Subject was always a "suspicious" tenant to him, and was either running a house of prostitution or a "spy den." He exhibited a summons for \$135.00, unpaid rent, that he has been trying to serve on the Subject. He also displayed a letter dated July 18, 1941, from Carl F. Lothrop, attorney, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, offering to settle the Karp account at the rate of \$10.00 per month. The offer was accepted by Mr. Barry, but not even the first ten dollar payment has been made, although almost two years has passed since it was received.

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An examination was made of the records on file at the offices of the James McCreary Realty Corp. 112 W. 42 Street, NYC. It was therein disclosed that the Subject, as principal of The Aukamer Publishing Co. on April 16, 1934, leased Room 510

at a monthly rental of \$30.00. On September 28, 1934, Room 912 was added, raising the rental to \$50.00 per month. On October 30, 1936, Kamp was dispossessed for non-payment of rent, at which time he owed \$550.00. A week before the dispossession Kamp gave the landlord a "demand" note for the full amount which was then owing. No payment was made for the next three years. On October 14, 1939, the owners commenced suit for the full amount in the 9th District Municipal Court, Manhattan (Index No. 13605.) On January 27, 1941, a default judgment was entered in the sum of \$684.50. Carl F. Lethrop then represented the Subject. After examination in supplementary proceedings, the Subject's salary of \$40.00 per week as Vice-Chairman of the Constitutional Educational League was garnished by a court order filed against the League. A settlement was made and the judgment satisfied of record, as of March 17, 1941.

(According to an examination made of the listings in the Manhattan telephone directories between 1934 and 1936, The Awakener and the Constitutional Educational League shared the same address, 112 W. 42 Street, and the same telephone number, Wisconsin 7-4294, during the entire period. A representative of the realty company also verified that both names had been used on the building bulletin board and the office door.)

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The Constitutional Educational League is a Connecticut corporation. Though the corporation maintains an office in New York County, no certificate authorizing the corporation to do business is on file in the County Clerk's office, or in Albany.

Records in the New York County Clerk's office disclose a business certificate on file under Index No. 14089, filed December 7, 1933, for "The Awakener Publishing Co." 11 W. 42 Street, NYC, with Joseph P. Kamp of 45-14 42 Street, Queens, and Harold Lord Varney, of the same address, as the owners.

Records in the New York County Clerk's office disclose, also, another business certificate on file under Index No. 8339, filed July 29, 1937, for the "Bankup Publishing Co." This certificate reveals the Subject to be co-owner of such company together with a Bently Beak. The office address furnished by the company was 78 W. 55 Street, NYC,

which was also the home address furnished by Mr. Rank. The Subject gave his own home address at the time, as 37-46 85 Street, Jackson Heights, L.I.

Mr. Rank's present whereabouts or activities have not been established, but investigation discloses that he is married to a sister of Mildred Hall, supposedly the present wife of the Subject.

The Rankamp Publishing Company's present business address is 342 Madison Avenue, NYC, using the same offices as the Const. Ed. League. The company is supposedly inactive, but carries an active bank account at the Irving Trust Company, Empire State Branch, 5th Avenue & 34 Street, NYC. It is not listed in the telephone directory.

This Rankamp Publishing Company may be a medium whereby funds are diverted from the Const. Ed. League. This is emphasized by the fact that the Subject issued a check in the sum of \$285.16 (returned by the bank for insufficient funds) signed by himself, as owner of the Rankamp Publishing Co., drawn on the Irving Trust Company, dated 5/6/43, numbered 1356, in favor of one John H. Mullen.

John H. Mullen was a printer with a shop at 63 Park Row, NYC, who did some of the printing for the Const. Ed. League, and who died about 3 months ago. His widow, presently living at 1274 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NYC, is liquidating her husband's accounts, although the printing shop is out of business. The \$285.16 check has not, as yet, been made good.

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Prior to taking up offices at 110-112 W. 42 Street, NYC, The Awakener, with Joseph P. Kamp and Harold Lord Varney, as co-owners, started activities at 11 W. 42 Street, NYC. An examination was made of the tenancy records at the office of the renting agent at such building. These records disclosed that on May 1, 1939, a Mr. Juvenal Marchisio signed a two-year lease for Room 900, as an attorney. About a month later he notified the building renting office that he was taking in a "sub-tenant," The Awakener, and ordered that name and the names Joseph P. Kamp and Harold Lord Varney, to be placed on the office door and the building bulletin board.

Mr. Marchisio continued to pay the rent for the offices. This association probably explains how it happened that a bank account was opened in the name of "The Awakener," and Joseph P. Kamp, at the Banca Commerciale Italiana.

In this connection biographical and other records were examined at the offices of "Il Mondo," 80 E. 4th Avenue, NYC, an anti-Fascist publication, and an interview was had with Mr. Giuseppe Lupis, its editor and publisher. Mr. Lupis revealed that Juvenal Marchisio, now a Judge of the Domestic Relations Court in New York City, appointed in 1936 by Mayor LaGuardia, on the recommendation of Bishop Malloy, is a well-known pro-Fascist and has been very active in the past in fostering pro-Fascist propaganda. He was formerly actively associated with the pro-Fascist publication "Il Crociato" (The Crusader), still presently in business at 97-19 Flatland Avenue, Brooklyn, NYC. The "Il Crociato" is now edited by the Italian Catholic Clergy, headed by Father Genanova. (Mr. Lupis also stated that if Marchisio advanced funds for the publication of The Awakener such funds would very likely have been advanced by Father Genanova and the Italian Catholic Clergy.)

In 1935 Juvenal Marchisio sponsored and spoke at a rally in Madison Square Garden in support of the seizure of Ethiopia by Italy. Each year, between about 1925 and 1940 he made regular trips to Italy.

Mr. Lupis, further declared that it was very likely Varney had made the contact with Marchisio. Varney had been a member of the Italian Historical Society and had written and lectured in New York City as a Fascist propagandist for Mussolini for a number of years. (It will be recalled that Varney had been one of the editorial writers on The Awakener and that he had resided together with Kamp in one apartment in Long Island City.

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The late Major A. Cloyd Gill was, until his death, an employee of the Const. Ed. League. Gill had a long record of activity in the subversive movement.

At 6:30 the morning of April 7, 1943, Kamp went to his office and found Gill there, dead. We have never been able to learn what reason compelled Kamp

to visit his office so early in the morning. Generally it is unusual for him to arrive before 11 or 12 o'clock in the morning.

Gill's widow, residing at the Shelton Hotel, Lexington Avenue, NYC, was interviewed. She stated that she knew nothing about the Subject, and had never met him until he came to her apartment, with detectives, on the morning of her husband's death. She declared that her husband had an appointment, in their apartment, with Kamp, the night before he died; that Kamp failed to appear; that her husband went out for the evening and never returned.

The Coroner's Report discloses that Major Gill died "of natural causes."

A check on Subject's comings and goings for a four day period revealed the followings- that Kamp, traveling alone, visited the office of Steve Birmingham, Chief Investigator for the Dies Committee, at the latter's office, Room 2901, Federal Courthouse, Foley Square, New York City, on the following days and hours:

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" 27, "	- 2:00 P.M. " 5:00 P.M.
" 29, "	- 2:00 P.M. " 4:00 P.M.

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WHAT ex-isolationist tried to claim credit for starting World War No. 2?

WHAT loud-mouthed "anti-Communist" has helped the Communist cause?

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With lotions of love... as the title implies, is a dispassionately documented dossier on Walter Winchell; recently "retired" Lieutenant Commander of the Navy, self-styled "America's No. 1 Patriot" and dupe of Axis agents who continues to author the most violent and irresponsible Smear-Americans-First newspaper column and radio broadcast campaign ever to try the patriotic patience of the American people.

Numerous articles and several books have been written on the phenomenon of this legendary character who for 20 years has perpetrated a ludicrous and mischievous hoax. While all of these previous writings have been factual in content, most of them have presented Winchell as nothing more sinister than an illiterate boor... a dull fellow who generally amused his 130,000,000 American betters by a frank confession of peeping under drawn blinds and sniffing at social garbage cans.

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FROM

E. E. CONROY, SAC

SUBJECT:

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.,
JOSEPH P. KAMP, et al
REGISTRATION ACT

New York, N.Y.

July 1, 1944

There are enclosed herewith to the Bureau two additional copies of the 48 page pamphlet entitled "With Lotions of Love - to Walter Winchell", which has been published and distributed by JOSEPH P. KAMP of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.

There is also enclosed to the New Haven Field Division one copy of said pamphlet, together with two fliers advertising said pamphlet. The enclosed pamphlets were furnished to the New York Field Division by Confidential Informant [redacted] who pointed out that the pamphlet is in reality an advertisement for KAMP's book "Un-American Gestapo", which is expected to be released in the near future.

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: June 19, 1944

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT:

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 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
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 Mr. Hendon ✓
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There is attached for your information a summary of the pamphlet
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"With lotions of love..."

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The captioned forty-nine page pamphlet by Joseph Peter Kamp, Vice Chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, is divided into two parts, the first captioned "Un-American Underground" and the second, "A Reporter's Report to the Nation."

PART I

"Un-American Underground" deals in the main with "Under Cover" by John Roy Carlson and mentions Walter Winchell mainly because he is described as one of the foremost advocates of this book. The majority of the material in this section of "Lotions of love..." is a repetition of that found in Kamp's proposed "Un-American Gestapo," a manuscript of which has previously been obtained and reviewed in the Bureau. Here the reader is warned against the un-American activities of "investigators" employed by organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, Friends of Democracy, American-Jewish Committee, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and others. Kamp calls these activities an attempt to destroy free speech, to "smear and purge Congress" and to "silence the voice of the American people." As an example of this last charge Kamp cites the present sedition trial stating that "the slick Communist Party line technique of lumping the good with the bad" is used, and that "a handful of patriots are bracketed with Nazi agents and convicted seditionists." He states further that among those "unjustly" included in the trial may be a few who are too outspoken, a few who were over enthusiastic in their definition of constitutional government, and a few who were perhaps misguided. He asserts that these individuals are none-the-less sincere, and loyal to America and its institutions. The rest, according to Kamp, "are now being prosecuted in a mass trial a la Moscow."

In connection with this sedition trial Kamp charges that "many of those indicted are admittedly nothing more than outspoken and fanatic, anti-Semitic, anti-Communist and anti-New Dealers — regardless of psychopathic prosecutors' attempt to construe these 'crimes' as sedition." As in his book, "Un-American Gestapo" Kamp states that the indictment of the persons being tried for sedition had its inception in the same unauthorized investigative agencies mentioned above who "went so far as to 'frame' its victims."

The remainder of Part I is concerned with a tirade against "Under Cover" which is called "treason," a "libelous and shameless attack upon the honor and integrity of American statesmen, patriots, church dignitaries and members of the armed forces and the first and foremost political document of the 1944 presidential campaign."

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Kamp ends Part I with a quotation from the column of Danton Walker of May 12, 1944, which states in effect that all wire tapings have been called off until after elections so that they can't become an issue in the presidential campaign.

PART II

"Reporter's Report to the Nation"

As in the caption of this Section of "Lotions of Love", Kamp uses various expressions associated with Walter Winchell to head up the several subdivisions under which Winchell is "debunked."

The pamphlet asserts that Walter Winchell, "ex-isolationist and dupe of Axis agents" has been the principal promoter of "Under Cover" next to the Communists and the left wing press. Winchell is stated to have been spreading a smear campaign long before Carlson decided to become an "investigator" for the "Unamerican Gestapo" and Kamp states that as a result of Winchell's "libelous and slanderous statements" he was retired as an officer of the United States Navy. As evidence of Winchell's having been a "dupe" of Axis agents Kamp cites an article appearing in the Winchell column of January 5, 1942, to the effect that the shortage of medical supplies at Pearl Harbor necessitated an over amount of amputations among the casualties. Later, on February 2, 1942, according to Kamp, Winchell carried an item that "the recent rumors that there were 'needless amputations at Pearl Harbor because of alleged lack of medical supplies' was apparently planted by enemy agents. Not true!"

Kamp cites other examples of alleged misstatements on the part of Winchell which might serve the interests of the Axis nations. Included in these examples are reported excerpts from Winchell's columns which Kamp states are attempts to incite Army personnel to insubordination.

Considerable space is given to a discussion of why Walter Winchell was retired from the Navy under the caption "The Phoney-of-the-Week," where Winchell is ridiculed by Kamp for his alleged lack of knowledge of Navy customs and duties. There is expressed concern over Winchell's sincerity in his attempts to obtain active duty, and Kamp states that the only actual active duty served by Winchell consisted of 41 days. It is also stated that Winchell's South American good-will tour was merely a method on the part of the Navy Department to get rid of him so that he would not interfere with Naval affairs in the United States.

Under the caption, "Scallions to the Orchid Man," Kamp quotes various items from Winchell columns which attack congressman and Congress in general, stating in effect that such activities on the part of Winchell tend to undermine the morale of the United States.

Kamp states that Winchell's "propaganda against Congress" is having the "desired effect" and in proof of this statement quotes various letters from servicemen and others which express concern over the personnel of Congress. One of these letters is taken from the Congressional Record of March 30, 1944, and states "What are the saboteurs doing in Congress? Why doesn't Congress clean its own house?"

Kamp sets forth various statements of Congressmen including Hoffman and Rankin which attack Winchell.

"Quotation Marksmanship," while admitting that Winchell is probably not a Communist, attempts to show that the columnist's activities advance the cause of Communism "by smearing their most effective opponents", by "repeating libels concocted by Communist henchmen" and by "financing the dissemination of Communist literature which was so libelous that it was later withdrawn from circulation." Kamp states that in the Navy Department files is a demand for an investigation of Winchell based on the above allegations.

In this section of "Lotions of love..." captioned "Odd News, Exclusive News", Winchell is described as having three main characteristics, these being a tendency toward inaccuracy, physical cowardice and "a yen to meddle in other peoples' affairs." Winchell's reported reputation for inaccuracies is dealt with in greater detail later in the pamphlet, but as an example of his physical cowardice Kamp states that Winchell in an effort to overcome his fear complex and to bolster his courage carries two guns. It is also stated that Winchell is "afraid of his shadow, afraid of the dark, afraid to pass an undertaking parlor by himself and is terrified at the smell of embalming fluid."

Under the heading, "Attention, Mr. and Mrs. United States," several Winchell columns dated in 1939 and 1940 are quoted as proof of Kamp's allegation that Winchell was at one time an isolationist.

The section of Part II of "Lotions of love..." headed "Mairzy Doatzy Department" is concerned with numerous instances in which Winchell has inserted items in his columns which have been "proved" to be inaccurate. Kamp cites the "New Yorker" magazine as stating that Winchell is right approximately 41% of the time.

Among the "errors" attributed to Winchell is one taken from his column of April 5, 1944, in which he is alleged to have stated "Lawrence Dennis indicted on sedition charges and George Sylvester Viereck (out on bail pending an appeal of his prison term for Nazi agenting) trading glares with a columnist." Kamp charges that this item is entirely incorrect since Viereck has been in jail since July 16, 1943, his appeals for release on bail have been denied, and Lawrence Dennis was in Chicago at the time the item appeared.

"Lotions of love..." charges that Winchell is unable to himself "make all the mistakes, concoct all the smears and think up all the libels that 'tumbled with boisterous abandon' from his typewriter. Among those alleged to assist him are Richard Rollins, Dorothy Waring, Arnold Foster and Walter Lowenheims."

It is stated that as a result of Winchell's comments in his column and on the radio the Jergens company has hired a lawyer, one Henry Alexander, to edit his scripts; the Blue Network has found it necessary to promulgate a special broadcaster's code in "order to cope with Winchell's indiscretions"; the advertising agency for Jergens has begun to blue-pencil Winchell's scripts, and Winchell has been ordered by his sponsor to refrain from further attacks on members of Congress or persons with whom he disagreed personally or politically.

Kamp alleges, however, that Winchell is continuing these attacks and that as a result the Special Committee on un-American activities in Congress will investigate his activities and make recommendations to Congress for legislation which will "protect the American people and their elected representatives from the abuse of free speech."

Included in the section entitled "Things you never knew 'till now," is a complete summary of the controversy between Winchell and Congressman Martin Dies, and Mr. Dies' radio address in refutation of Winchell is quoted in large part. Winchell's counter to Dies is discounted, and the Congressman's work in "ferreting out subversives threatening to undermine the government" is applauded.

Kamp states that as a result of Winchell's column appearing after Dies' radio address, King Features Syndicate decided not to release this column to its customers; various papers deleted portions of it; complaints flooded the offices of the syndicate, and that only 175 papers "are still publishing his tripe" although Winchell claims 800 outlets. It is stated further that Winchell's contract, which expires in November, probably will not be renewed.

In a concluding subheading, "Clown about town" various suits against Winchell are discussed, and Kamp states that most of the persons involved in the litigation have found that even though they may obtain heavy damages, Winchell's contract with King Features Syndicate provide that this organization will assume all responsibility in paying damages, the result being that Winchell loses nothing. Kamp states the same arrangements are binding on the part of the Jergens company.

Kamp decides that Winchell is in need of a psychoanalyst and concludes that the columnist is an ego-maniac, abnormally sex conscious to the point of vulgar exhibitionism, a confirmed neurotic, a definite psychopathic and a sadist. He attributes this condition to a definite inferiority complex allegedly suffered by Winchell in early life and states that by constantly finding fault and depreciating everyone else Winchell creates a feeling of superiority in himself.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL CONNECTIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF WINCHELL

Under the caption, "Odd News, Exclusive News" Kamp alleges that Winchell originally came into prominence in New York as the pal of top-flight gangsters Onney Madden, Lucky Luciano, Louis Buchalter, and others.

Kamp also states that Winchell paid the sum of \$90,000 to the gang which murdered Vincent Coll. This sum was allegedly paid after Winchell predicted the murder of Coll six hours before he died and the gang decided to eliminate Winchell as a double-crosser.

Kamp states that Winchell also has paid out \$1500 to blackmailers to keep out of the newspapers the facts concerning a "skeleton in his closet." No details are given concerning this skeleton, but the reader is invited to inspect the blotter at New York's 30th Precinct Police Station for May 23, 1930, or "take a peek" at Magistrate's Court file No. 3592. Winchell is also accused of having improper relations with a chorus girl who is not named.

Kamp uses the Winchell style of reporting in setting forth various alleged derelictions on the part of the columnist. Among these is the following item: "What vocal publisher of what one-man newspaper is hoping that J. Edgar Hoover's sleuths won't follow up that investigation of a prominent west coast Mann Actor by looking into the affairs of the country's leading sexpert on patriotism and Constitutional law . . . The 'baby doll' who shuttled across nine state lines between Miami and New York in upper berths . . . he was that cheap . . . was what Errol Flynn called 'jail bait' when they first started to sizzle . . . under sixteen. Clue for Mr. Hoover: Her initials could be M. L. B." The "Mann Actor" mentioned above is in all probability Charles Chaplin, but no information is available at this time concerning the identity of M. L. B. or Winchell's alleged violation of the Mann Act.

REFERENCES TO THE BUREAU

In discussing the activities of unauthorized investigative agencies Kamp states even "J. Edgar Hoover has been 'shadowed' and his personal and professional (alleged) derelictions have been set down in a special dossier." This statement was also made in Kamp's book "Unamerican Gestapo", but the Bureau is in receipt of no information in verification of this allegation.

Kamp also states that the investigators mentioned above misrepresent themselves as "government agents", as members of Military Intelligence, as Congressional Investigators, as FBI Agents, and others. In this connection it is recalled that Dorothy Waring of the Anti-Defamation League has on occasions been reported to have made statements to the effect that she was connected with the Bureau.

"Lotions of love..." charges that the "Unamerican Gestapo" has important contacts in high places in the New Deal Administration and has secured the active cooperation of government departments and agencies, including the Department of Justice. The following statement is contained in parenthesis, "But not the FBI".

Among the quotations on Winchell's columns set out by Kamp as "vicious and obviously false attack" against Congressmen is the following: "some of the pro-Nazis who got by the voters still have to get by the FBI."

Among the errors attributed to Winchell was the story carried in his column of February 8, 1943, to the effect that agents of the Bureau had trapped 22 Nazi agents supposedly responsible for the leakage of highly confidential information in connection with the Roosevelt-Churchill Casablanca Conference. Kamp points out that the Bureau denied that anyone had been taken into custody or that anything was known of this case.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE
(Bureau file #61-10355)

SECURITY DIVISION

Mr. Mumford

Mr. Egan

DATE: July 17, 1944

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Callan

Mr. Carson

Mr. Cunningham

Mr. Fitch

Mr. Fletcher

Mr. Strickland

Transmitted herewith is a pamphlet "With Lotions of Love to Walter Winchell" by JOSEPH KAMP, published and distributed by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. which was furnished to this office by LOU NOVINS of the Anti-Defamation League.

In connection with this matter your attention is directed to my Personal & Confidential letter of June 16, 1944, entitled [redacted]

Your attention is directed to page 6 wherein it is stated "Even J. Edgar Hoover has been 'shadowed' and his personal and professional (alleged) 'derelictions' have been set down in a special dossier".

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DIES TO WINCHELL: 'SMEAR BUND TOOL'

Texan Declares Columnist Is
in Service of Powerful and
Organized Interests

Attempt to Destroy Prestige
of Congress and Public
Men Is Alleged

Representative Martin Dies of Texas, utilizing radio time allotted by the sponsors of Walter Winchell and following the columnist on the air, last night called him the "tool" of a "smear Bund" of powerful and organized interests and promised that the Congressional committee investigating subversive activities would tell

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 3, 1944

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ¹ CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH P. KAMP, et al
REGISTRATION ACT
(Bureau File 61-10355)

Please be advised that in connection with the pamphlets entitled "With Lotions of Love", and the advertisement in the back thereof concerning the publication of KAMP's book, "Un-American Gestapo", by the HALLMARK PUBLISHERS, 11 East 43rd Street, it was noted by Special Agent W. PAUL McWHORTER of this office that HALLMARK PUBLISHERS occupy the same room at 342 Madison Avenue as that occupied by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.

As previously stated, Confidential Informant has advised that the book, "Un-American Gestapo", is not expected to be released until some time in August of this year.

cc: New Haven

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM *EAT*

5-05 p.m.

DATE: June 24, 1944

FROM : D. M. LADD *DML*SUBJECT: *WITH LOTIONS OF LOVE...
by JOSEPH P. KAMP

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
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Miss Nease ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

SAC Conroy of New York City telephoned and furnished the following data in reference to a statement appearing in Joseph P. Kamp's pamphlet, "Lotions of Love... to Walter Winchell" which indicated that Winchell has paid out \$1500 to blackmailers to keep out of the newspapers the facts concerning a "skeleton in his closet." No details were given concerning the skeleton, but the reader was invited to inspect the blotter at New York's 30th Precinct Police Station for May 23, 1930, or "take a peek" at Magistrate's Court File #3592.

According to information confidentially furnished the New York Field Office by a police contact, the New York City police record in this matter

Further details are forthcoming from the New York Field Office.

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JULIUS KLEIN
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July 25, 1944

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Miss Gandy

Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 5626
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I wonder if you could help me clear up a matter on which one of our business contacts is in some doubt.

He is a top executive of the Fruehauf Trailer Company of Detroit, the largest manufacturers of that line. Some time ago he gave \$2,000 to the Constitutional Educational League of New Haven, Connecticut - apparently because of the fact that years ago they carried on some commendable activities, in which former President Taft and other prominent citizens participated.

However, because of the similarity of the name to many of those involved in the current sedition trials, my friend of course is a bit suspicious of this outfit under its present management. On the other hand, if that suspicion is unjustified, he does want to continue with his contributions.

I wonder if you could consistently give me a word of advice which I would like to pass along to him, without of course in any way identifying the Bureau. Perhaps you could have one of your boys telephone me (Exec. 0227) or send word in any other way.

I still recall most pleasantly your kind hospitality when Ed Soucy was down last spring at one of your commencements.

Kindest regards.

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Sincerely yours,

Julius Klein

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ADDENDUM: LBN:aml-7/29/44 - I told Julius Klein, (former Assistant Secretary of Commerce) about the Constitutional Educational League and referred him to those items which (see back of this page)

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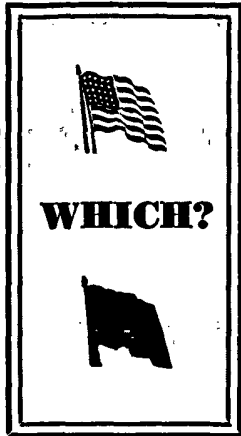
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"Organized to preserve the American System—to defend the Constitution and insure the right to Liberty and Property"

ENCLOSURE

A BACKGROUND OF SIGNIFICANCE

1939



RETURNING from France to find Red agitators in their home towns denouncing the Government for which they had been ready to give their lives, a group of indignant veterans banded together with patriotic citizens to organize an intellectual defense of their country. In this way the Constitutional Educational League came into being, to win instant national recognition.

In the first year Chief Justice William Howard Taft toured the country in its behalf, while General Leonard Wood and Mayor Ole Hansen of Seattle, who quelled the first Communist uprising in America, made nationwide speaking tours under its auspices. At the same time hundreds of League speakers mounted soap boxes in communities where Red campaigns were under way and thousands of volunteers enrolled in the League's "Soap Box University" and were trained, by correspondence, to combat the radicals with facts and argument. In cooperation with State and local officials patriotic groups everywhere were aroused and mobilized.

During the ensuing years, under the direction of such men as Major General C. M. Clement, William B. Healey, National Vice-Commander of the American Legion, and Major William F. Deegan, New York State Legion Commander, the organization made constant progress. With the help of outstanding citizens like General James G. Harbord, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Admiral Louis Josephthal, Judge Harry Atwood, well known Constitutionalist and author, James M. Beck, former Solicitor General of the United States, and others of equal prominence, the League was able to establish an exceptional record of accomplishment.

When broadcasting was in its infancy the League sponsored, on station WODA, the first Radio Forum ever to be presented over the air, and under its auspices Communist intrigue was first described over station WRNY. It exposed and combatted Communist "boring from within" the United Mine Workers many months before this subversive activity came to the attention of the United States Senate (1924). Its representatives secured evidence which proved the Communist conspiracy to give this country its first "lesson in revolution" at Passaic, New Jersey (1926). It was a relentless foe of William Z. Foster's Red unions and successfully opposed their activities in many industrial cities (1928-35).

In recent years the League was first to expose the Communist campaign to organize "runs" on banks (1931); first to uncover the Red drive to extend its influence among the unemployed by organizing them into Communist controlled unions (1931), and it was first to identify Communists on the public payroll (1933).

A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

1937

With the advent of the Communist inspired and controlled CIO, the League again, under the leadership of Judge John L. Gilson, Yale trustee and Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, and Joseph P. Kamp, New York author and editor, assumed the foremost position in the battle to Stop Lewis and SMASH COMMUNISM. During the campaign over 10,000,000 pieces of literature were published; one booklet alone—"Join the CIO—and help build a SOVIET AMERICA"—having had a circulation of over 2,200,000 copies. League literature provided the factual basis for thousands of speeches, editorials and feature articles. Speakers were made available for hundreds of meetings and broadcast their message over radio stations in every section of the country.

In the South the League sponsored two regular radio programs each week for nine months and in New England a weekly broadcast was presented over a six months period. "Constitution College" was established in Birmingham and over 500 ministers, educators and workers were trained to become speakers and leaders. Hon. William F. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray, former Governor of Oklahoma and a leading Constitutional authority, toured the South under the League's auspices, while Congressman Clara E. Hoffman carried the fight directly to the CIO in Alabama, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and New England.

1938

Despite the "recession", which seriously affected its income the League enlarged its activities during the early months of 1938 until the CIO campaign virtually collapsed in the South and went into a sharp decline in other parts of the country.

At this time the NLRB was being operated as a virtual subsidiary of the CIO, but the matter received little or no publicity. Then a fortunate circumstance enabled the League to dramatize the situation. The Muskin Shoe Company of Baltimore was cited as guilty of an unfair labor practice because one of its employees happened to show another employee one of the League's booklets. The League immediately issued a release on this implied threat to a free press, with the result that within a week over 2,000 newspapers took up the issue, editorially, as their own. A wave of resentment against the NLRB followed.

In July the League established an unusual newspaper—HEADLINES—which provides concise, authentic material to speakers and writers for use in defending the American system of Private Enterprise and exposing the enemies of Constitutional Government.

Beginning in August much League literature was used in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and other localities where the CIO was a political factor and, although unexpected, favorable election results were achieved.

When, in November, the Red elements threatened to halt the Dies Committee, the League began a nation-wide drive on its behalf: secured over 4,000,000 signatures to petitions and deluged Congress with an avalanche of letters and telegrams from aroused patriots. As part of this campaign, Commander Edward E. Spafford, former national head of the Legion and Chairman of the League's Award Committee, announced that Congressman Martin Dies had been selected to receive the Americanism Award for 1938. The Dies Committee expressed its appreciation and, at a later date, Congressman Hoffman at a public meeting in New York, openly declared that but for the League's effective work the Dies Committee would not have been continued.



1939

Determined to convince Congress that WPA should be investigated the League placed a mass of amazing evidence and information in the hands of each Congressman on Friday, March 24. Three days later an inquiry was voted.

Congressman Woodrum, during the hearings, referred openly to the League's material in framing his questions and the League's presentation was made an official exhibit, while many witnesses who testified were secured through the League's efforts.

In mid-summer steps were taken to put the Red controlled American Youth Congress "on the spot" on the Communist issue, with the result that 23 units withdrew, and, with the League's cooperation, formed the Provisional Committee for American Youth.

After Labor Day, the League began to publish HEADLINES Bulletins, exposing countless Reds in important Government positions, which proved so popular that in the first four months over 3,000,000 copies were distributed. Among the more important individuals exposed were Paul Sifton, Deputy Wages and Hours Administrator (he resigned); Henry G. Alsberg, National Director of Writers' Project (he was fired); and Miss Hallie Flanagan, National Director of the Federal Theatre Project (Congress abolished her job).

On December 27 the League's Midwest Secretary demanded the Department of Justice arrest Molly Yard, head of the American Student Union. He charged she was an unregistered foreign agent and the wife of an NLRB attorney who was a member of a Communist organization. The League offered documentary evidence to back these charges and to prove a conspiracy to control the Government's aviation training program.

Just before the New Year, Hazel Huffman, former Government and Dies investigator, now on the League's staff, exposed a plan to poison the minds of New York school children through a program approved by the Department of Education. A reporter for a leading newspaper verified the truth of the charges.

League speakers addressed thousands of meetings in every part of the country; almost 200,000 communications were answered; and over 6,000,000 pieces of literature were distributed throughout the year.

1940--A REALISTIC OBJECTIVE

Our Constitutional Republic must be preserved! Reds on the public payroll must be purged!
That is the issue! That is our goal!

Although non-partisan and disinterested in politics, the League believes the future of the American system of society and government will be determined in the 1940 election. Voters must decide: "Shall the Marxian forces prevail in our political and economic affairs?" Leftist elements, within the Government, are responsible for many of our current difficulties—they have undermined established institutions—they are paving the way for the destruction of Constitutional government and the establishment of a collectivist society in its place.

In the face of this threat, the American people must be aroused and mobilized. The enemies of America must be exposed! The League will do this job on a broad and comprehensive basis during the crucial and decisive months ahead. The League's officials, committeemen and membership—Democrats, Republicans and Independents alike—are united in their determination that, regardless of political labels, Red influences must be eliminated from the Government structure.

Communism must go! Americanism must go on!

★ A PROGRAM OF ACTION

1. Literature—Pamphlets, leaflets and handbills are among the most effective means to reach the masses. Literature already printed and in prospect deals with (a) The American System, (b) The Constitution, (c) The Communist Movement, (d) Socialist Trends in Government, (e) The CIO in Industry and Politics. Our printed matter, published in foreign languages as well as in English, is constantly being supplied for use in class rooms, discussion groups, Americanization meetings, etc.

2. Speakers—The League has a corps of trained speakers and in addition utilizes the services of its members who are experienced in platform discussion. It also makes available complete speeches and material for speeches, together with advance and follow-up publicity.

3. Broadcasting—League speakers are heard constantly over local radio stations, sectional networks, or high-powered major units of the national chains. A regular program over a national hook-up is the ultimate aim. Electrical transcriptions are available for use over local stations.

4. Research—The League's library and files contain the most complete information available anywhere on subversive movements in the United States and their Red leaders. It is constantly called upon to furnish material to special writers, editors, house-organs, etc. This service is rendered without charge.

5. Investigation—For many years the League has maintained innumerable contacts with the various radical movements. It has been able to secure important information and secret documents. Its investigators have been of invaluable assistance to law enforcement agencies and public prosecutors.

6. Leadership Training—In the various headquarters of the League speakers and leaders have been trained, supplied with factual material and given other assistance to enable them to organize and educate groups of citizens in their respective communities.

7. Organization—To expand and extend the influence of the League, organizers are building state and local committees, organizing meetings, distributing literature and arranging contacts necessary to facilitate the proper functioning of all League activities.

8. Legislation—The League is constantly working for the enactment of legislation necessary to curb the activities of subversive forces. It keeps informed as to proposed and pending legislation and is constantly cooperating with local and state bodies in supporting bills directed against radicals or opposing bills favorable to or sponsored by them.

9. Publicity—In addition to supplying news items to daily papers this department sends a "clip sheet" and picture "mats" to small town and agricultural weeklies. It also prepares feature articles for newspapers and magazines.

10. HEADLINES—The League's newspaper with this title was planned as an aide to speakers, writers and students, but it has proven equally popular with the general reader. Its purpose is to uncover subversive inspiration and well-hidden Red propaganda in day-to-day news items. HEADLINES in addition to presenting the Red-News-Behind-the-News will reproduce from time to time original Communist documents which should be disclosed to an unsuspecting public.

★ A RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

A CAPABLE and WIDE AWAKE PERSONNEL

Officers—Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, *Chairman*; Joseph P. Kamp, *Executive Vice Chairman*; W. Byron Swartz, *Vice Chairman*; Hon. Leonard McMahon, *Vice Chairman*; Chester A. Hanson, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Madelyn Cannon, *Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer*; Major A. Cloyd Gill, *Director of Research*; Mildred M. Hall, *Secretary, Southern Department*; John E. Waters, *Midwest Secretary*.

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National Americanism Award Committee—Comm. Edward E. Spafford, former National Commander American Legion, *Chairman*; Miss Charlotte C. Ayerig, former President-General, Daughters of the Revolution; Robert Appleton, Chairman, American Defense Society, Inc.; Mrs. Grace L. H. Brösseau, Past President-General, D.A.R.; Brig.-Gen. L. F. Callan; Chester A. Hanson; William B. Healey, former National Vice-Commander, American Legion; Mrs. Edward B. Huling, former Chairman of Patriotic Education, D. A. R., New York State; Rev. Dr. James F. Kelley, President, Seton Hall College; Messmore Kendall, President-General, Sons of the American Revolution; Francis H. Kinnicutt, President, Allied Patriotic Societies, Inc.; A. Cressy Morrison, President, R. O. T. C. Association; Major Gen. R. E. Noble, former Surgeon-General, U. S. A.; Richard W. O'Neill, former Chief of Staff, Disabled American Veterans; Joseph P. Ryan, President, International Longshoremen's Association; Major Elmer Studley, former Commander-in-Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 11, 1944

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT:

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., ET AL
REGISTRATION ACT

The enclosed pamphlet "The Hell with GI Joe!" written by JOSEPH P. KAMP of the above captioned organization, was furnished to this Office by Mr. LOUIS NOVINS of the ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This pamphlet is being furnished to the Bureau for purposes of general information.

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JBL:FC

August 25, 1944

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.

Dear Sir:

I thought you would be interested in the pamphlet transmitted herewith, entitled "The Hell With G.I. Joe!" issued by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. of New York City. It is noted that from the cover of this pamphlet it purports to be a treatise on Bureaucratic Regimentation vs. Constitutional Government, by JOSEPH P. KAMP, with the views of various national figures, including yourself, and that on page 13 of the pamphlet quotations are set forth from your speeches.

While it is possible that your attention has already been directed to this publication, this is the first copy which has been observed in the Buffalo area and was furnished to me by [redacted] Special Service Contact of the [redacted] Office."

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Very truly yours,

John B. Little

JOHN B. LITTLE, SAC

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JSG:vj

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 23, 1944

FROM : J. F. Buckley

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INCORPORATED
JOSEPH PETER WAMP
PAMPHLET: "THE HELL WITH G.I. JOE"

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There is set forth below, for your information, a brief summary of the captioned pamphlet which was written by Joseph P. Kamp and published by the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, of which he is vice chairman.

The subheading of the pamphlet is "Bureaucratic Regimentation vs. Constitutional Government" and it purports to contain quotations from various individuals in public office including Senator W. Lee O'Daniel, Paul McNutt, Albert Jay Nock, listed in "Who's Who" for 1940-41 as an author and educator, Attorney General Francis Biddle and yourself.

An attempt is made to show that under the present form of government the rights which a citizen should expect under a democracy have been taken away. Albert Jay Nock is quoted on the inside of the front cover as having said that the American system of representative government has been destroyed, that we now have a planned economy and that no business can be set up without having to jump over hurdles with some "despicable bureaucrat-ringmaster cracking the whip over you".

Under various headings such as "You Can't Take That Bath!", "You Can't Wear That!", "You Can't Say That!", "You Can't Print That!", and "You Can't Get Justice!", Kamp cites various examples and statements purporting to have been made by public officials and others in an effort to show that a citizen of this country is restricted in all of his activities by government regulations.

Under the above-mentioned heading, "You Can't Get Justice!", after making the following quotation from George Washington's farewell address; "The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism", Kamp asserts that freedom, opportunity, equality and justice are "relics of the past" and that the Constitution is in a state of "suspended animation". He then alleges that the American people are living under a government reminiscent of Russian Communism and makes the statement that you, in an unidentified speech, recognized this and voiced a "timely warning". Kamp then takes the following excerpt from your address of April 17, 1944 before the Fifty-third Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City:

"Something has happened in this land for which our forefathers fought and died."

"Too often, militant, self-seeking, loudly vocal groups of muddled emotionalists, Parlor Pinks, Fellow Travelers and avowed Communists are mistaken for the masses...."

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"The time has come when loyal Americans, even though in the majority, must make themselves heard in defense of America to balance the disruptive nonsense and neutralize the woeful will of a minority who would tear down and make rubble of the Democracy our forefathers passed on to us".

It is noted that the words used by Kamp above are taken verbatim from your speech of April 17, 1944, excerpts being used from various paragraphs of your opening statements. It is apparent that Kamp has used only that part of your address which would best serve his purpose, but it does not appear that the meaning of your remarks has been altered. For ready reference there is attached a copy of your address of the above date with the portions quoted by Kamp underlined on pages one and two.

In conclusion, Kamp calls on the American public to "save America" for "G.I. Joe" by returning this country to its constitutional form of government.

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A Tribute to G.I. Jim

Broadcast from the Normandy Beachhead
via the Westinghouse program.

By TED MALONE

Private Cready didn't want me to read it. He was embarrassed . . . he guessed it wasn't much good . . . but they had been thinking of the kids, of the fellows who were not there that night, and they had to say something, write something even if it wasn't good.

I read a lot of poetry in my life — with quality, polish and style, but somehow it seemed unimportant in the face of the deep sincerity of these lines written under shell-fire in a pup tent in France by two kids named Cready and Bryant.

*Let's drink to the troopers so bronze and tan
Who marched down that bloody road to Carentan.
They were the boys who so long had to train
To go fight this battle of Purple Heart Lane.
Yes, it's the road across the flooded plain
The road to hell we call Purple Heart Lane.
Why was it called this, you may wish to know;
Well, Jerry was up there putting on his show.
He had mortars, machine guns and 88's, too,
And plenty of armor to back up his crew.
And, again, there were snipers, men we couldn't see,
And they kept firing at us—my buddies and me.
We laughed, back in basic, at hugging the ground,
But we did it and liked it on the way into town.
Then came the charge that led to their guns,
And we beat back those Jerrys, the Invincible Huns.
Invincible, they say, and they are not far wrong,
But we made them change the tune of that song.
The bloody battle over, we trudged up the hill,
But paused to look back at our comrades so still,
And we thought of the boys who died not in vain,
Our pals, yes, the Heroes of Purple Heart Lane.*

We think of the boys; yes, the heroes of Purple Heart Lane. They gave something very important — their lives. If it was worth their lives, it should be important enough for you to do a lot of thinking about it, important enough for you to be certain something is done about it, so that they will not have died in vain. They have left it up to you.

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THE INTERNAL DEFENSE OF AMERICA

Each Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a reminder of the struggles, sacrifices and glorious deeds of the men and women who founded this Nation and which are perpetuated in your efforts to further the elements of patriotism and the national welfare. You Daughters of the American Revolution have the power in your hands and the purpose in your hearts to influence the guidance and direction of the destiny of our Nation.

The experiences of the past reveal that every period of great danger was first preceded by inaction, theorizing, and a paralyzing blindness to such fundamentals as the necessity of preparedness. It took a Pearl Harbor to shock us out of our lethargy and galvanize us to concerted action with a unity of effort.

Americans from the founding of their government never have known the servile meaning of surrender -- God grant we never will. True, there have been defeats -- never capitulation. But, some day, history may change its course. Democracy as we have known it could become inert. Liberty and freedom could become heroic memories. This heritage could be lost by us unless it is cherished, fought for, and preserved as it was proclaimed and won by our forefathers. Other civilizations and nations have flourished and passed away, and sinister new orders have sprung up. This could happen in America unless we jealously safeguard our foundations.

The first concern of every citizen, therefore, must be the internal defense of our Nation. We will win the war. Of this, I am certain. But, to win with a minimum of sacrifices and losses, there must be no turning or wavering at home which would stem or clog the uninterrupted flow of materials to our fighting men on the far-flung battlefronts and seas. Breaches already are painfully evident in the unity of effort which is so necessary to the success of the ghastly fight we are waging against fanatical fiends who would rather be slain than conquered.

Something has happened in this land for which our forefathers fought and died. Once, it was a true melting pot, fusing the cultures and ideals of oppressed peoples everywhere into the common mould of Americanism. Our goal was the guarantee of equal protection and opportunity for all -- it still should be.

But today, that noble purpose has been clouded and challenged by opposing interests. Constitutionally, we are a land where the will of the majority should prevail; actually, the will of the minority too often is over-

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evaluated. There is a reason. As a people we expect and engage in fair play. Many of us are inclined to go about our daily tasks oblivious to the menacing forces around us. We are working in the interest of the majority and in the pursuit of that objective we take for granted that everyone else is doing the same. Too often, militant self-seeking, loudly vocal groups of muddled emotionalists, parlor pinks, fellow travelers, and avowed Communists are mistaken for the masses.

Scan the editorial page of any old-line ethical venture in journalism. The editor sets forth his views in clear and unmistakable language so the reader may make up his own mind. That is the way of the vast, unvocal majority. Now, consider some of the current, irresponsible journalistic attempts of groups which do not represent the best interests of democracy. Their editors not only proclaim their personal views but urge their readers to wire or write their demands urging this or that action. The fascist-minded tyrant is no different from the native-born communistic-minded corruptionist. Both seek the same objective and speak the same sinister language -- totalitarian control. Let us not minimize their evil effect. The time has come when loyal Americans, even though in the majority, must make themselves heard in defense of America, to balance the disruptive nonsense and neutralize the woeful will of a minority who would tear down and make rubble of the democracy our forefathers passed on to us.

Surely, we have learned a lesson from observation in these recent tragic years. We have watched nations as they have been overrun and practically annihilated by the Nazis under Hitler -- after they have been weakened by internal strife engendered and fostered by subversive agents of that pagan order. Political and financial greed have blinded the leaders of those nations to the necessity of absolute unity, both internal and with their sister nations. The experience of the ages teaches clearly this lesson: Sacrifice leads to sunlit heights; selfishness leads to the darksome pit.

Our own internal defense demands oneness of effort and unselfish dedication to the preservation of the heritage of the American way of living. America cannot exist half democratic and half Fascist or Communist. Only the rebirth of the melting pot of old, fusing all peoples into vigorous, unmixed patriotism and a common unity, can truly accomplish this end.

The day of the "front" organization is not over. Already there are signs of a revival of the very forces that ridiculed preparedness and defense. To further insult the intelligence of the American public, there are those who hold that the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor was justified, and still others who would not offend the Japanese by speaking disparagingly of them, while they behead American flyers, starve innocent civilians, and engage in other savage forms of debauchery and torture too horrible to mention.

America must, if it is to defend itself, build up a barrier against the prophets of doom who would trade personal advantage for principle, who would debauch freedom into license, and who malign America by shallow, superficial sugar-coated panaceas that are neither democratic nor defensible.

Knowledge is a bulwark of defense. No finer job ever has been done in the world's history than that being performed today by the alert journalists

representing American newspapers and magazines. With fidelity to American principles they have sought to separate the true from the false, and fact from rumor.

It is to the legitimate press that we must look for protection from the false prophets and deliberate propagandists. They are the watchmen on the ramparts. They are the narrators of facts, the exponents of truth, and the enemies of wrong. Not only must we expect a continued performance of high character but, as true citizens, we must lend them our support whenever it is needed. With the press are their kindred purveyors of news and moulders of public opinion, the radio and screen. They merit the same support and backing that should be afforded all protectors of freedom so long as they keep within the realm of fact and truth and aim to perpetuate our democratic institutions and honored traditions. By the same token, when unprincipled persons would foist alien ways of life upon the American people whether it be through the press, the screen, or the radio, they should be resisted with all fearless determination.

While patriotic men and women have given a commendable account of their stewardship of our internal security, a contrary record has been written by a segment of so-called journalistic enterprise. From this source has come a constant stream of vilification which has the effect of weakening our foundations of security. Cloaked with the guarantees of the Constitution, with brazen effrontery they seek to destroy constitutional government. Whether they hide behind the fascist or anti-fascist label makes little difference. The results are the same. Always seeking to incite class against class, race against race, and creed against creed, they foist themselves upon a people who seek to live and let live in peace and progress. The poison gas of misrepresentation and falsehood is employed by them in reckless quantities. If a voice is lifted against them, they cry of persecution and abridgment of freedom of speech. They are the enemies of true freedom of the press. They give one side only of the picture. They deal in half-truths or whole lies, thus putting weapons in the hands of those who would destroy a free press. Laws will not curb these malicious forces for they are usually cunning enough to keep within the strict letter of the law; only the therapeutic rays of a white-hot public opinion, informed and militantly democratic, will effect a cure.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has not been spared from such groups. Paid rabble-rousing propagandists misrepresent the FBI as a menace to civil liberties. The truth is that the FBI stands between them and their desire to abrogate liberties by installing their own treacherous and ruinous philosophies of rule by license. No device is too low for the forces that would tear down these ancient and honorable sentinels of our finest traditions and security. Unfortunately, such propaganda is not always labeled. It sometimes emanates from decent quarters that have been hoodwinked by misinformation.

Of prime importance is the need for our people to judge critically the source. Native-born agitators today who would sell America "down the river," regardless of their party line, have clearly established themselves as turncoats and dealers in colossal falsehoods. We should recognize them by their stripe which is neither American nor decent. The same is true of their Fascist counterparts — the variety that weeps and wails but never corrects -- only obstructs

As a people we may as well recognize that certain vital and fundamental problems do exist, through misunderstandings, ignorance, and a false spirit of toleration, which permit otherwise controllable conditions to get out of control. Baseless rumors and hates started by one bigot can, and frequently have, reached floodtide proportions.. The Ku Klux Klan, a few years ago, flourished on hate and false rumors just as did the small group of so-called "Christian Fronters," who hid behind a respectable group of people whose citizenship is exemplary. Neither was truly Christian, both were in fact rackets. So it is with other groups. I think the time has come to demand proof when biased accusations are leveled at groups of people because they are Catholic, Jew, Gentile, white, or Negro. True Americans deplore racism, hate, greed, and injustice.

Our democracy was established because of the common desire of the founding fathers for tolerance. Yet, paradoxically, it was because of intolerance that the Revolutionary War was fought. Even today, our fighting men face the supreme sacrifice because of intolerance, intolerance of the system which has made one man control the destiny of Germany and of Japan. Yet, it was misguided world tolerance and stupid apathy that permitted this condition to become a world menace. Here again, knowledge of the right kind and at the right time surely would have prevented the present world turmoil. Instead, an apathetic world viewed the antics of an Austrian paper-hanger as something humorous -- his rantings were regarded as those of a crazy man. Now is the time to make secure the internal defense of America; now is the time to plan for the future. Let us do it in the interest of America; let us put our own national self-interests first and be expedient rather than vacillating and appeasing.

Let us forever pledge that we shall keep here in America a way of life that is wholesomely democratic, where citizens walk consciously and fearlessly as free men.

We must preserve and teach democracy now for the future. All now realize that in many quarters we have failed in the past. Before Pearl Harbor, the lack of patriotic and militant sentiment and loyalty, together with a too evident attitude of selfishness discouraged timely preparation for defense.

This situation, however, is understandable when a condition can exist, for example, where subversive elements through pressure tactics, seek to dictate what publications are to be distributed in schools and which ones are to be banned. It is to God-fearing women such as you that America must look for support when the flanks of democracy are attacked by subversive-minded espousers of alien ways of life. You will let your voices be heard when the defense of the land needs strengthening and through you, the wisdom and sacrifices of the founding fathers shall not have been in vain.

To my plea for unity and knowledge, I would add another. It is the duty of patriotic citizens in high and low places to be sure of their facts when they level charges of nonfeasance or malfeasance, disloyalty or misdirection at public servants, and if they do not know, they should inquire first before undermining confidence and causing disruption, for it must be remembered that the answers and vindications never catch up with the charges. The mouthings of the psychopathic publicity seeker, in or out of politics, should not be the springboard for public recognition. The defense and security of America are too

sacred to be the medium of irresponsible feuding between selfish individuals who would warp and distort any fact into political buckshot.

Many fine American organizations, citizens, and institutions have been the subject of such attacks. Frequently, the charge is justified but leveled in the wrong direction. For example, on occasions, unprincipled persons have not been averse to implying or representing they were associated with the FBI. Questions of an offensive nature have been asked. Acts that have been construed as threats have occurred. In each instance when derelictions have occurred, it is the citizens' duty to see that they are corrected, but here and now I want to state in unmistakable language that no one is authorized to speak for the FBI unless he is able to produce proper credentials of that organization. Likewise, I want to make it plain that the FBI is a career service designed to protect all law-abiding Americans and as such, it has been scrupulously kept out of politics by every administration since 1924. So long as I have the privilege to head it, it will never be used for political purposes. Anyone who charges that it exists for such purposes, lies or does not know what he is talking about.

By force of necessity, any discussion of the defense of the Nation must eventually come down to the fundamental and basic unit of our civilization — the American home. I do not believe it is necessary for me to set forth in detail the conditions, not only unsavory but heartbreaking, which exist in our country at this time. You are intelligent individuals; you are aware of the staggering increase in lawlessness, of seeming blindness to the ruin which is being vested upon our society. You are equally aware that the very core of our homeland is being weakened. Something must be done. America's destiny rests at the threshold of the homes of our people. If we are to maintain our advanced position in the world, the home must be revitalized. For too long the duties of parenthood have been delegated. I am frank to say that I fear the future and what it will bring — more because our internal defense has been weakened than because of any external threat of force.

The emotional instability revealed by the experience of the draft alone is enough to be the cause for alarm, to say nothing of the startling increase in the number of youthful offenders. The cause goes directly to the home. Make a survey in your own home towns and count the number of homes where there is a plan of training, by precept and example, to impel children to recognize their good fortune in being Americans. Are they taught to respect the American flag as a symbol of liberty? Do they respect the honorable forces of law and order? Are they taken to the shrines of great Americans and are they told of their glorious histories? Do they go to Sunday School and church? Are they taught that the best opportunities come from hard work and industry? Are they taught that honesty and integrity are the only way, as well as the best way of life? Are they being prepared to assume their full responsibility as useful citizens?

The figures point to the contrary. Last year a major crime occurred every 23 seconds. More persons were murdered within the United States than there were casualties at Tarawa. A robbery occurred every 12 minutes, a burglary every 2 minutes, a larceny every 39 seconds, and an automobile was stolen every 3 minutes. Remember that 13% of all murderers arrested were under 21 years of age, as were 39% of all robbers, 55% of all burglars, 37% of all thieves, 32% of all rapists, 30% of all arsonists, and 65% of all car thieves. In fact,

nearly 23% of all persons arrested last year were under voting age. More boys 17 years of age and more girls 18 years of age were arrested than in any other age group. In fact, the arrests of girls last year over 1941, the last peacetime year, increased 130%. Until we can greatly change this picture, we are hardly in a position to boast of true progress.

But what can we expect when so many parents place their own pleasure and convenience before the training and security of their children? Unfortunately, we are not born with knowledge; we are born with the ability to learn -- and it should be the duty of the parents to avail the child of the benefits of their own experience, before expecting them to assume the responsibility of life. Each individual must learn by personal experience, it is true, but youth should not be expected to be bruised and scarred needlessly when a guiding hand could set them on the right path at the beginning. I do not condemn youth. Your young people today have more advantages than ever before and correspondingly more temptations. But, they lack the understanding, love, interest, and guidance of experience that can best be given by their mothers and fathers. Neither do I mean to say that parents deliberately lead their children from the straight paths of rectitude. They simply do not seem to care. Too many have other and more engrossing interests. Every newspaper in the land should start a column on a program of education based upon existing community social facilities. Every local chapter of your splendid organization and other splendid groups such as the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Parent-Teacher Associations, should start a series of discussions enlisting the thousands of excellently trained specialists in the field of child guidance to help point the way. Every Church and Sunday school in the land should start a year-round campaign to extend their facilities to attract every child in the country to the church of his own denomination.

There is one further step. While winning the war, we should also fight to win an everlasting peace at home. Your law enforcing agencies have suffered the loss of trained men to the armed services and in facilities to maintain law and order. It is shortsighted and false economy to eliminate recreational and community facilities at home. Instead, they should be extended. What is the situation in your home town? Are your authorities supported as they should be? If not, you are the ones who will suffer. When law and order broke down in the roaring twenties and the delirious thirties, it was primarily because of technicalities, graft, and corruption. This is a trend we should guard against, for the technicalities already are beginning to work against protection of society.

The defense of our land is the joint task of every man, woman, and child -- there can be no higher dedication of cooperative effort. If we fail, we are untrue to the men and women who give up their lives fighting for democracy. The only safety for America lies in a passionate determination to defend our own American tradition. May we each dedicate every fibre of our being to the noble endeavor of keeping America safe and secure in the American way.

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